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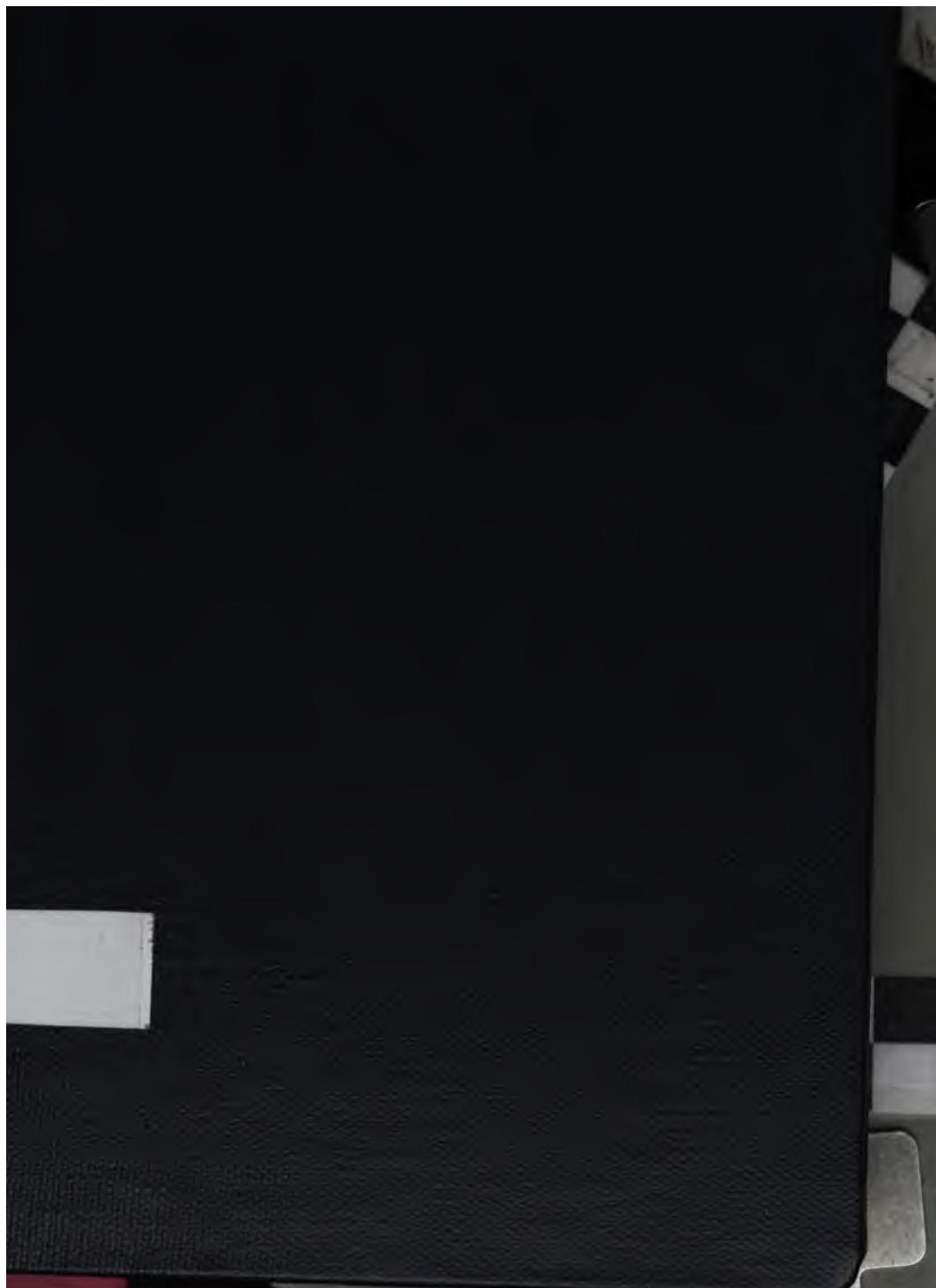
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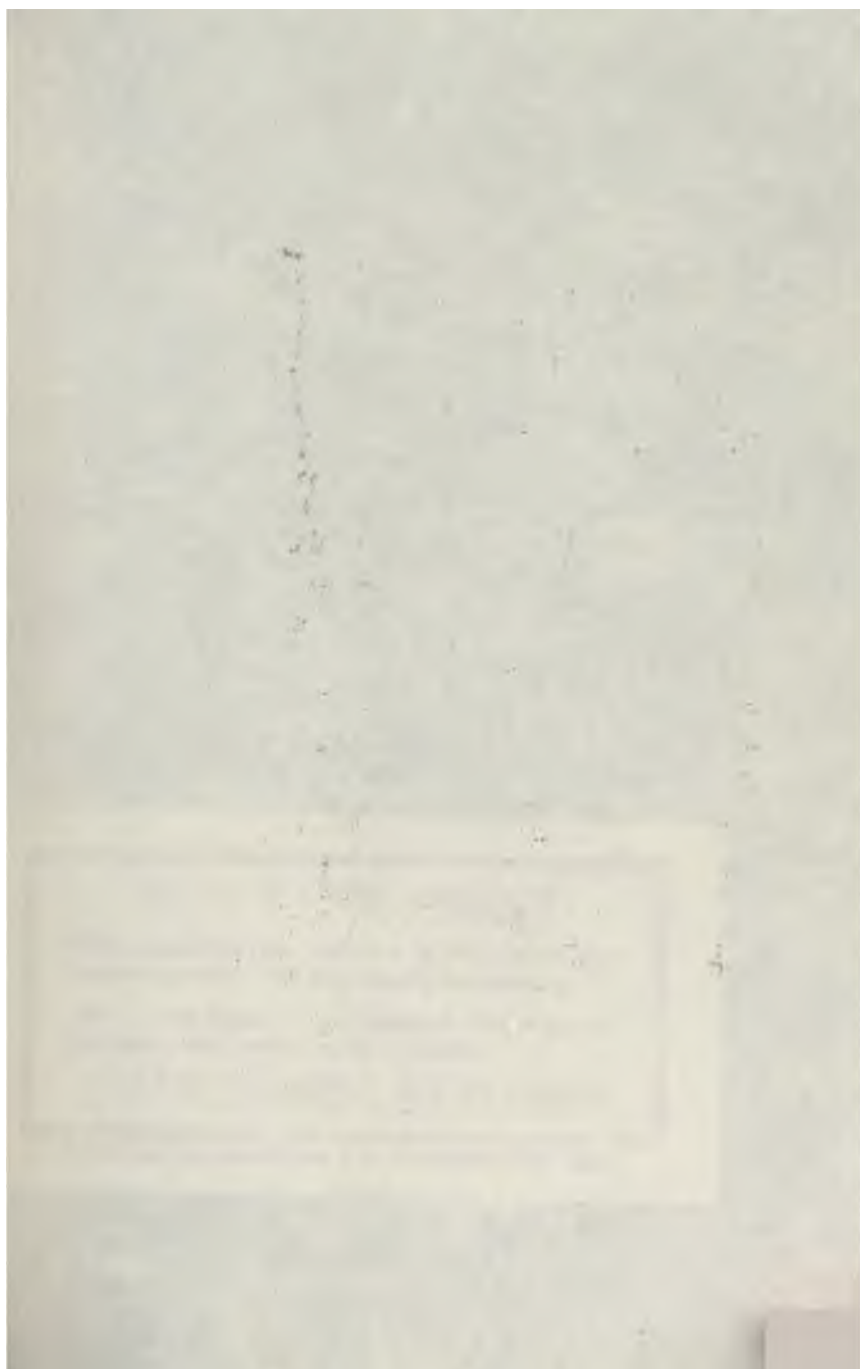
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## I.

# AN INTRODUCTION TO NEW YORK.

### *Advice to Inexperienced Travelers.*

The metropolis has many entrances. A dozen regular lines of steamships bring passengers from Europe, and many others from South and Central America, the West Indies, and the ports along the Gulf of Mexico and the South Atlantic Coast. Lines of steamboats connecting with railroads come down the Hudson and from Long Island Sound. Five great railway termini stand upon the western bank of the Hudson and are connected with New York by ferries. Long Island is covered with a network of roads. Finally, in the very heart of the city, stands the Grand Central Depot. It will be well to point out distinctly the landing-places of passengers arriving by any one of these routes, beginning with the ocean steamships. Cabin passengers may go ashore as soon as the vessel is made fast and will find custom house inspectors ready to examine their baggage on the wharf without delay. Pick out your trunks, give to the inspector your "declaration" and your keys, be polite and good-tempered and the ordeal is quickly and easily passed.

### *Steamship Landings.*

#### TRANSATLANTIC STEAMSHIPS.

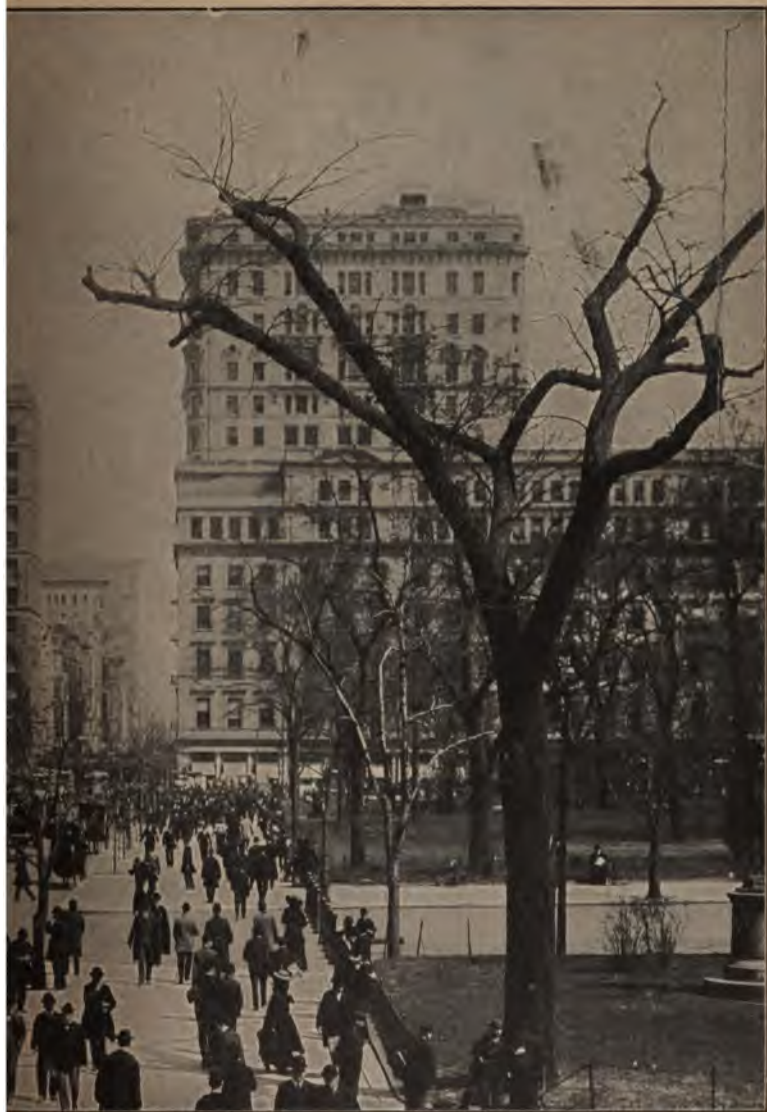
*American Line.*—Pier 14 (new), North River, foot of Fulton St.; office, 73 Broadway. (Southampton.)

*Allan-State Line.*—Pier, foot of W. 21st St., N. R.; office, 53 Broadway. (Glasgow and Londonderry.)



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*Anchor Line.*—Pier 54 (new), N. R., foot of W. 24th St.; office, 17 Broadway. (Glasgow, via Merville and Londonderry.)

*Atlantic Transport Line.*—Pier 39 (new), N. R.; office, 1 Broadway. (New York and London, direct.)

*Compagnie Generale Transatlantique.*—Pier 42 (new), N. R., foot of Morton St.; office, 32 Broadway. (French Line to Havre.)

*Cunard Line.*—Piers 51 and 52, N. R., foot of Jane St.; office, 29 Broadway. (Liverpool, via Queenstown.)

*Hamburg-American Line.*—Pier, foot of 1st and Newark Sts. Hoboken, N. J.; office, 37 Broadway. (Hamburg, via Plymouth, for London, and Cherbourg for Paris.)

*Holland-American Line.*—Pier, 5th St., Hoboken; office, 39 Broadway. (Rotterdam, via Boulogne sur Mer.)

*North German Lloyd Line.*—Pier, foot of 2d St., Hoboken; office, 5 Broadway. (Bremen, via Southampton, and Genoa, via Gibraltar.)

*Phoenix Line.*—Pier, foot of 7th St., Hoboken; office, 22 State St. (Antwerp.)

*Prince Line.*—Atlantic Pier, Brooklyn; office, 61 Broadway. (Azores, Naples, and Genoa.)

*Red Star Line.*—Pier 14 (new), N. R., foot of Fulton St.; office, 73 Broadway. (Antwerp.)

*Scandinavian-American Line.*—Pier foot of 41st St., Brooklyn; office, Produce Exchange Annex. (Christiania, Copenhagen, and St. Petersburg.)

*White Star Line.*—Pier 48, N. R., foot of W. 11th St.; office, 9 Broadway. (Liverpool, via Queenstown.)

*Wilson Line.*—Pier 50, N. R., foot of Bethune St.; office, 22 State St., New York. (Hull.)

#### COASTWISE STEAMSHIPS.

*Atlas Steamship Company.*—Pier 55 (new), N. R., foot of W. 25th St.; office, 17 State St. (West Indies, South and Central America.)

*Clyde Steamship Company.*—Pier 45, N. R., foot of Christopher St.; office, 19 State St. (Charleston and Jacksonville.)

*Maine Steamship Company.*—Pier (new) 32, E. R. (Portland.)

*Mallory Line.*—Pier 20, E. R., Burling Slip; office, 385 Broadway. (Galveston, Key West, Fernandina, and Brunswick.)

*Morgan Line (Southern Pacific Road).*—Pier 25, N. R., foot of N. Moore St.; offices at Pier and 349 Broadway. (New Orleans.)

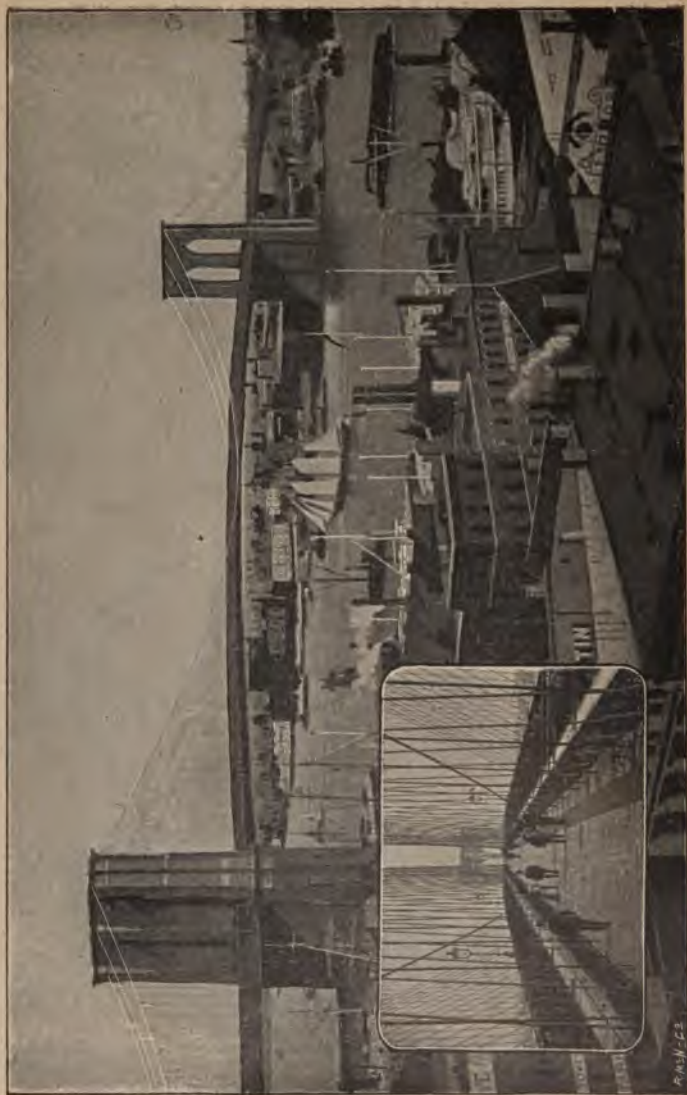
*Munson Steamship Line.*—Pier 14, E. R., foot of Wall St.; office, 27 William St. (Cuba and Mexico.)

*New York & Cuba Mail Steamship Company (Ward Line).*—Piers 16 and 17, E. R., foot of Wall St.; office, 90 Wall St. (Ports in Cuba and Mexico, and Nassau, N. P.)

*New York & Porto Rico Steamship Co.*—Pier, foot Dock St., Brooklyn; office, 1 Broadway. (Ports in Porto Rico.)



THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE—Liberty Street.



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Promenade.

*Old Dominion Steamship Company.*—Pier 26 (new), N. R., foot of Beach St.; office, on the Pier. (Norfolk, Richmond, etc.)

*Panama Railroad Steamship Line.*—Pier 57, N. R., foot of W. 27th St.; office, 21 State St. (California, Mexico, Central and South America, via Isthmus of Panama.)

*Quebec Steamship Company.*—Bermuda and West Indies Line.—Pier 47 (new), N. R., foot of W. 10th St.; office, 39 Broadway. (Bermuda and Windward Islands.)

*Red D. Lines.*—Robert Pier No. 10 Stores, Brooklyn; office, 135 Front St. (Porto Rico, Curacao, W. I., La Guayra, and other Venezuelan ports.)

*Royal Dutch West Indies Mail Line.*—Pier, foot Dock St., Brooklyn; office, 32 Beaver St. (Port au Prince, Curacao, etc.)

*Savannah Line.*—Pier 35, N. R., foot of Spring St.; New Pier 35, N. R. (Savannah)

*Southern Pacific Company.*—(Formerly Cromwell Line.) Pier 9, N. R., foot of Rector St.; offices at Pier and 349 Broadway. (New Orleans and Galveston.)

All of the steamship landings are adjacent to surface cars (trams) to all parts of the city; several of the principal hotels, including the Brevoort, Fifth Avenue, and some others, send their own coaches to meet the incoming steamers of the transatlantic lines.

### **River and Sound Steamboats.**

The only lines of River and Long Island Sound steamers with which we need concern ourselves here are those that do more than a merely local traffic, and connect at their farther end with railways. The River boats cease running during the winter months, when the Hudson is impeded by ice, but the Sound boats are never interrupted, and rarely delayed. Most of the Hudson River boats touch at W. 22d St. The ordinary time of arrival is between 5 and 7 A. M., or, for the day lines, toward sunset. The landings of these boats are at the foot of the streets following:

Albany Day Line.....	Desbrosses St.
Albany, People's Line (night).....	Canal St.
Bridgeport (Housatonic R. R.).....	Market St., E. R.
Catskill (Catskill Mtn. R. R.).....	Christopher St.
Central New Jersey (Sandy Hook).....	Cedar St.
Fall River Line (Railroad to Boston).....	Warren St.
Hartford.....	Peck Slip, E. R.
Joy Line.....	Catherine St.
Kingston (Ulster & Delaware R. R.).....	W. 10th St.
"Mary Powell".....	Desbrosses St.
Newburgh (two lines).....	Vestry or Franklin St.
New Haven (N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. R.).....	Peck Slip.
Norwich (New London & Northern R. R.).....	Spring St.
Stonington (Railroad to Boston).....	Spring St.
Troy, Citizens' Line.....	W. 10th St.



*Railway Stations.*

**Central R. R. of New Jersey, Baltimore & Ohio (Royal Blue Line), and Philadelphia & Reading R. R.,** and dependencies. **Ferry Pier No. 14 & 15,** foot of Liberty St., New York. Another terminus of the Royal Blue Line is at foot of West 23d St. N. R.

**Pennsylvania R. R., Lehigh Valley, New York, Susquehanna & Western R. R.,** Station in Jersey City, with ferries to Cortlandt, Desbrosses, and W. 23d Sts. The Cortlandt St. ferry is the best one to take for a person going to lower Broadway, Wall St., the Post Office, the Brooklyn Bridge or up-town by any of the elevated roads. The new ferry-house at the foot of W. 23d St., however, is regarded by the company as its main New York station, and thither goes the baggage to "New York," unless otherwise checked. This ferry is provided with very fine boats, and a full service of "Pennsylvania cabs," as well as reached by many lines of street cars. For Brooklyn take the Annex boat from the Jersey City side.

**Erie R. R., Chicago & Erie R. R., New York & Greenwood Lake R. R., New Jersey Northern R. R.,** and local dependencies, **Pavonia Av.,** Jersey City, reaching New York by ferries to Chambers St. and W. 23d St. The former is within three blocks of the Warren St. station of the Ninth Av. El. Ry., or of the Chambers St. station of the Sixth Av. El. Ry., and within six blocks of the City Hall, Post Office, Brooklyn Bridge, and the City Hall station of the Third and Second Av. El. Rys.

**Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, and Morris & Essex R. Rs.** have a depot in Hoboken, whence ferries come to Barclay St., to Christopher St., and W. 23d St., N. Y. Barclay St. landing is near to the Barclay St. station on the Ninth Av. El. Ry., and to Park Place station on the Sixth Av. El. Ry.; it is five blocks from the Post Office, and seven blocks from the City Hall station of the Third Av. El. Ry. and the Brooklyn Bridge, and this ferry should be taken for Brooklyn, as there is no Annex boat from Hoboken. At Christopher St. is a station of the Ninth Av. El. Ry. and street-cars.

**The West Shore and the Ontario & Western R. Rs.,** and their western connections, come into a depot at Weehawken, north of Hoboken. A down-town ferry brings passengers to the foot of Franklin St., near Chambers (see *Erie R. R.* above); and an up-town ferry crosses directly to the foot of W. 42d St., whence cars transfer to all parts of the city. Check baggage to either ferry. Brooklyn passengers go by train to Jersey City, and take the Annex ferry.



BROAD STREET—Looking North from Beaver Street.



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This finishes the list of stations on the New Jersey shore. At present there is only one passenger station on Manhattan Island. This is the Grand Central Depot, next to be mentioned.

The New York Central & Hudson River R. R., the New York & Harlem R. R., and the New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R. unite their termini in the Grand Central Depot in E. 42d St.

○ The new Grand Central Station is an immense six-storied building, reconstructed in 1898, which faces 42d St. across Fourth (Park) Av., and forms the most capacious and convenient railroad station in the country. Incoming trains deposit their passengers at the eastern side, where uniformed porters are at hand to assist passengers in carrying their luggage and reclaiming their baggage, which is stored in this part of the building until called for; no regular charge is made for these services. Baggage-express agencies and the office of the Central's system of special cabs are in the building, and ordinary cabs and hotel coaches stand under cover at the side, under police surveillance. A stairway and elevators lead to the Third Av. El. Ry., which is the quickest way to Brooklyn. Surface cars pass the door, connecting directly or by transfer with all parts of the city.

The new station is now complete, giving additional office room upstairs. The reconstruction of the public rooms on the ground floor has been completed on the following plan: The general waiting room of the station is a magnificent hall beneath a vast dome of steel and glass, entered from 42d St. The outgoing baggage room is at the western (Vanderbilt Av.) side. Ticket offices are arranged along the north side; outside there is a spacious entrance to the trains, which stand within a shed nearly 700 feet long, with a roof supported upon arches 200 feet in span. Every convenience and comfort known to travelers are provided, including spacious retiring rooms, with hospital accommodations, for women; a large smoking room for men; parcel rooms; telegraph, telephone, cab, and messenger offices; news stands, etc., besides a restaurant with prices not beyond the average purse. The system is so perfect and the management so strong at this great station that any confusion or difficulty is extremely rare. In spite of the crowds handled, aggregating 12,000,000 persons a year. Policemen and detectives are always present, and there is no safer place for man, woman, or child, stranger or citizen, in the city of New York, than the Grand Central Station.

The upper floors are filled with the head offices of the N. Y. Central R. R. and the New York offices of the New Haven R. R.

*The tunnel and approaches to the Grand Central Depot* constitute one of the most noteworthy pieces of engineering in the Eastern States. The three railroads above mentioned converge upon Fourth Av., just north of the Harlem, and cross that river upon a splendid four-track, steel swing-bridge, twenty-five feet above the water, so that its "draw" need not be opened for barges, etc. South of the Harlem the trains are carried upon a steel, four-track, elevated structure of remarkable solidity, high above the streets, and giving an airy and pleasing view of all the upper part of the city, as far as 110th St., where a masonry viaduct, arched over the cross-streets, takes its place and carries the tracks upon a slightly descending grade to the northern entrance of the tunnel at 96th St. This tunnel consists of three longitudinal apartments, and conducts the four tracks to the Depot yard, at 50th St. The costly and admirable improvements outlined above were completed in 1897, and are highly advantageous from every point of view. A large station is provided at 125th St. for local traffic, and another at 138th St.

Below the Grand Central Depot a tunnel, originally made for the tracks to the former down-town station, is now used by the Fourth Av. street cars. The middle of the street over these tunnels is planted in a continuous series of pretty parks, with a driveway on each side; this forms Park Av., one of the best of the residence streets.

The **Long Island R. R.** discharges its passengers in Brooklyn at its station on Flatbush Av. (see BROOKLYN); and at its station on East River, in Long Island City, whence ferries bring passengers to New York at James Slip (down-town, near Fulton St.), or at the foot of E. 34th St. From the latter landing surface cars run across town (through 23d and 42d Sts. and via Fourth Av. and W. 14th St.); and it is a branch station of both the Second and Third Av. El. Rys.

**The New York & Putnam R. R.** (a division of the New York Central R. R.) runs northward through Westchester and Putnam counties to Brewster's, where it joins the Harlem R. R., and connects with the New York & New England R. R. for Hartford and eastern points. Its station in New York is at the 155th St. terminus of the Sixth Av. El. Ry.; but it has a station for the receipt and delivery of baggage in the El. Ry. station at Eighth Av. and 53d St. This road runs trains every few moments to High Bridge, Van Cortlandt Park, and the suburban stations on the branch to Yonkers, which constitutes the *Yonker's Rapid Transit Line*; and its tickets are good for passage either way on trains of the Hudson River R. R. between Yonkers and the Grand Central Depot.

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**COACHES—By the mile.**—One dollar for the first mile, or part thereof; and each additional half-mile or part thereof, 40 cts. By distance for "stops" 38 cts. for each fifteen minutes. For brief stops not over five minutes, no charge. **By the Hour.**—\$1.50 first hour or part thereof, and each succeeding half-hour or part thereof, 75 cts. From "line balls" one or two passengers, to any point south of 59th St. \$2; each additional passenger, 50 cts.; north of 59th St. each additional mile 50 cts. The legal fares are for one or two persons in a cab, or for one, two, three, or four persons in a carriage; while children under 8 years are to be carried free when accompanied by adults. It also includes the carrying of one piece of baggage; for all pieces over one a special bargain must be made.

The fare everywhere on the trains of the elevated railroads and on all the surface cars is five cents without regard to distance.

**Baggage Express.**—On all important incoming trains, a uniformed solicitor for either the N. Y. Transfer Co. or Westcott's baggage delivery company passes through the train seeking orders. He will take your checks, giving a receipt therefor, and deliver your baggage to any part of New York, Brooklyn, or Jersey City. The payment may be made in advance or on receipt of the article at the house



which will be in the course of two hours, ordinarily, if not earlier. In addition to these transfer companies, several other carriers have offices near the great stations and steamer-landings. These expressmen usually charge the same rates as those above mentioned. Outside of these are a legion of small proprietors of "expresses," and individual owners of job-wagons, whose charge is only 25 cents a piece. They are honest, as a rule, but their responsibility should be inquired into before baggage is intrusted to them.

Ordinary baggage may be taken with you if you employ a hackman, and the delay, otherwise inevitable, will be avoided. The hotel omnibuses get baggage for their patrons very promptly also. For those who do not hire cabs or carriages, that American institution, the "express delivery service," is easily available here.

**Caution.**—Never give up your checks to any one but a uniformed train-solicitor, or a regular office agent or porter of either the transportation company which holds the baggage or of the express company to which you mean to intrust it; and always take a receipt; and never give up your checks, if you claim your baggage yourself, to any person except the uniformed baggagemen of the railway or steamboat line by which you have traveled. If you expect to meet or visit friends in the city, who are residents, the best way probably is to keep your checks and let your friend manage the delivery of your baggage for you.

**Outgoing Baggage.**—When you get ready to leave the city, an expressman will call at your house, and take and deliver your baggage at any station for from 25 to 40 cents a piece. Dodd's and Westcott's companies (both of which have many branch offices in New York and in all the adjoining cities) will check your baggage at the house to your destination in any part of the country, so that you need have no trouble with it at the railway station; but you must have bought your railway ticket in advance, and must pay 10 cents additional for the accommodation.

### *Hotels.*

New York has always been proud of its hotels, which are almost numberless, and which year by year increase in excellence of service and splendor of appointments. They are scattered from the Battery to Harlem River, but few of prominence are farther than a square or two from Broadway or Fifth avenue, and all the foremost are between Madison Square and Central Park. Hotel list page 195.

## II.

### GETTING ABOUT THE CITY.

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IN spite of the multitudinous surface-cars, elevated railways, suburban steam roads, bridges, steamboats and ferries, not to speak of carriages and cabs, New York finds herself continually in want of new methods of transit from one part of the city to the other, and to the neighboring cities. This is due not only to the enormously rapid growth of the city in population, but to the consequent spread of her purely commercial area, and the entailed necessity of living at a distance from one's place of business. Moreover the long and narrow shape of the island compels the great mass of travel to be back and forth in the same direction; and morning and night all the public conveyances up and down town are over-crowded, so that more are earnestly needed. A few words in regard to the various ways of getting about the city will be appropriate.

#### *Elevated Railways.*

**General Remarks.**—The system of elevated railroads, which carry trains of cars run by electricity, now consists of four main double-track lines, and a few short branches. All come together at the southern extremity of the island in a terminal station at South Ferry alongside the Battery. Two lines are on the West Side and two on the East, and all reach to the Harlem River, one (the "Suburban") continuing beyond, through to Fordham.

These trains run at intervals of two or three minutes (or even less, during the busiest hours of morning and evening) all the day and evening; and from midnight to sunrise the intervals between trains are not more than five minutes. Strangers should be careful to note the sign at the foot of the station-stairs which informs them whether that station is for "up-town" or "down-town" trains; but if they forget and find themselves on the wrong side, they will be passed in free at the opposite station if they explain the case to the







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Watching the Horse Ball Game.

Mall Street.

gateman where the mistake is made. The fare on all roads and for all distances is 5 cents. A ticket must be bought and thrown into the gateman's glass "chopper" box at the entrance to the platform. On the West side, certain trains going down town take the Ninth Av. route, while others go via Sixth Av.; others proceed only as far as Cortlandt or Rector Streets, instead of going to the ferry. Up-town West Side trains go both to Harlem and 58th St. (Central Park). On the East Side, going down, some trains go to South Ferry and others to the City Hall; and up-town, both Second and Third Av., trains use the same track from the Battery to Chatham Sq., and must be distinguished. The gatemen usually call out the destination of each train as it approaches, but anyone may quickly learn to recognize the signs on the cars, and the confusion is really not as great as it appears to be. All of the roads are now consolidated and under the single ownership and management of the Interborough Rapid Transit Co., whose general offices are at 13 Park Row.

The stations are as follows:

**Ninth Avenue Line.**—South Ferry, Battery Pl., Rector, Cortlandt, Barclay, Warren, Franklin, Desbrosses, Houston, Christopher, W. 14th, 23d, 30th, 34th, 42d, 50th, 59th, 66th, 72d, 81st, 93d, 104th, 116th, 125th, 130th, 135th, 140th, 145th, and 155th Sts.

**Sixth Avenue Line.**—South Ferry, Battery Pl., Rector and Cortlandt Sts., Park Pl., Chambers, Franklin, Bleecker, 8th, 14th, 18th, 23d, 28th, 33d, 42d, and 50th Sts. (branch to 58th St. and Sixth Av.), 53d St. and Eighth Av., 59th St. and Columbus Av., 66th, 72d, 81st, 93d, 104th, 116th, 125th, 130th, 135th, 140th, 145th, and 155th Sts.

**Third Avenue Line.**—South Ferry, Hanover Sq., Fulton St., Franklin Sq., Chatham Sq. (whence branch to City Hall), Canal, Grand, Houston, E. 9th, 14th, 18th, 23d, 28th, 34th, and 42d Sts. (branch to Grand Central Station), 47th, 53d, 59th, 67th, 76th, 84th, 89th, 99th, 106th, 116th, 125th, and 129th Sts., thence to 133d, 138th, 143d, 149th, 156th, 161st, 166th, and 169th Sts., Wendover Av., 174th and 177th Sts. (Tremont Av.), 183d St., Pelham Av. (Fordham), and Bronx Park Station.

**Second Avenue Line.**—South Ferry, Hanover Sq., Fulton St., Franklin Sq., Chatham Sq., (branch to City Hall), Canal, Grand, Rivington, 1st, 8th, 14th, 19th, 23d, 34th, 42d, 50th, 57th, 65th, 80th, 86th, 92d, 99th, 111th, 117th, 121st, 127th, and 129th Sts., thence via Third Avenue line to Pelham Av.

**Subway Rapid Transit Railroad.** — With only a few months' delay over the time set by the contractors, New York's great underground rapid transit system was, on October 27, 1904, opened to the public. This system is one of the greatest municipal undertakings of modern times, and, it is estimated, cost fifty millions of dollars. The double-track system for both express and local trains offers unexcelled means of rapid transit that has already done much to



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relieve the congestion on the elevated and surface lines. The trains are run frequently, and the running time of express trains from Brooklyn Bridge to 125th St. is about 15 minutes. Local trains, also, make good time, stopping at convenient stations. For those wishing to reach the Grand Central Station from Brooklyn Bridge or the City

Hall, the subway affords the quickest and most convenient means of transit. Tickets are purchased at the underground booths and deposited in chopper boxes, the same as on the elevated road. The tourist will be well repaid by a trip through the bore of this greatest of all underground railroads, from the Brooklyn Bridge to any of the up-town stations and return. See map for list of stations and routes.

### ***SURFACE CAR ROUTES.***

Tramways, or "street-cars," as they are universally known in this city, are a very old institution in New York, and seem to do quite as large a business as they did before the elevated roads were built.

Recent consolidations have grouped all the lines under the Metropolitan (Broadway) company. Transfer tickets to connecting and intersecting lines are given, and it is possible for one to reach almost any point on the island of Manhattan for a single fare. As a rule the conductor gives the passenger a transfer check on request, but along Broadway these checks are obtained from a transfer-agent on the sidewalk at exchanging points, as Houston, Astor Place, 34th St., etc. A short explanation will suffice to aid strangers in learning the general course of street-car traffic, which is rapidly changing from the antiquated horse-car system, and from the newer cable method, to the under trolley system, by which the car-motor receives its power from an electric wire laid in a trench beneath and between the rails, by means of a trolley projecting from the bottom of the car and sliding along a continuous slot. The dangerous and cumbersome overhead trolley wires have never been allowed on Manhattan Island.

Lines of cars run north and south between the Battery or City Hall and the upper part of the island on every avenue except Fifth, and most of them extend to the Harlem River. The *Belt* line follows the water-front on both sides as far north as 59th St., where it crosses the city. The *Second*, *Third*, and *Fourth Avenue* lines go up the Bowery from the City Hall as far as the Cooper Union, and there diverge to their respective avenues. The last named follows Fourth Av. to 44th St. and thence follows Madison Av. to Harlem. **Care** should be taken on the Second and Fourth Av. lines, coming down town, to learn whether the car goes farther than Astor Place, where a transfer will, however, be given south on Broadway. The *Broadway* line runs along Broadway and Seventh Av. (above 44th St.)

between the Battery (South Ferries) and 59th St. (Central Park). The *Columbus Av.* cars follow the same course as far as 53d St., where they turn west to Columbus (Ninth) Av., and thence go north to 110th St., where passengers are transferred to the *Lenox Av.* line or *East River* lines. The *Lexington Av.* line follows Broadway from the Battery to 23d St. and then turns east to Lexington Av. and pursues that avenue to the Harlem River. Lines run from the Post Office to and along *Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth* and *Tenth Aves.*, and their cars continue along or connect with the *Columbus Av.*, *Amsterdam Av.*, or *Boulevard* lines, which run north over Morningside Heights to 125th St. Another line, from 125th St., extends up Amsterdam Av. to Fort George.

*Cross-Town Lines* reach from river to river at intervals of half a mile (or less, down town), connecting all ferries, steamship landings, railway stations, and hotels with one another, either directly or by exchanging transfers with north and south routes.

*Brooklyn Street and Elevated Cars* of almost all lines may be boarded at the New York entrance to the Brooklyn Bridge.

**Lines North of Harlem River.**—The rapid occupation of the territory north of the Harlem River, successively enlarged by recent annexations to the present distant boundaries of Greater New York, has been accompanied and aided by a rapid extension of electric trolley lines, which now make all its parts accessible. These converge upon two points of contact with the city below the Harlem, viz.: *Harlem Bridge* (at Third Av.) and *Central Bridge*. All these lines as well as the line terminating at 135th St. and 8th Av., interchange transfers at all junction points. The principal lines are as follows:

*Southern Boulevard & West Farms.*—East from Harlem Bridge through Morrisania, along the Southern Boulevard to Crotona Park, West Farms, and Bronx Park.

*Westchester & Mount Vernon Line.*—Along Third Av. from Harlem Bridge to Westchester. Mount Vernon Line via Third Av. to Fordham Square, meeting Webster Av. car going to Mount Vernon, west of Bronx Park, through Bronxdale, Williamsbridge, Wakefield, and Washingtonville, to Mount Vernon and connections beyond, to Yonkers, White Plains, Tarrytown, Eastchester, and New Rochelle.

*Fordham Line.*—Out Third Av., past Crotona Park to Fordham, then north on Webster Av. to Bedford Park and Woodlawn.



*To High Bridge, etc.*—North from Harlem Bridge along Willis Av. to 161st St., west to Sedgwick Av., and north to High Bridge. This road is striving to continue its line up the elevated eastern bank of the Harlem to Kingsbridge, where a line is already laid.

**Fifth Avenue Stages.**—Capacious carriages traveling along Fifth Av. between Washington Sq. and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, 81st St. Fare 5 cents; exchange transfers with cross-town cars at 14th and 42d Sts. In summer many stages have seats on the roof; but a more comfortable seat is that on the ordinary stages beside or behind the driver. These are being replaced by automobile vehicles.

### Ferries.

An alphabetical list of the ferries by which Manhattan is connected with the surrounding shores is as follows:

*To Astoria.*—From E. 92d St., every 15 minutes.

*Atlantic Av. Ferry.*—See *Brooklyn*, 3.

*Barclay St. Ferry.*—See *Hoboken*, 1.

*To Bay Ridge and Coney Island routes.*—From the Battery half-hourly.

*To Bedloe's Island* (Statue of Liberty).—From the Battery, hourly to 7.30 p. m.

*To Blackwell's Island.*—Foot of E. 26th St., twice daily.

*To College Point.*—From E. 99th St., hourly during daylight, calling at North Beach.

*To Brooklyn.*—As follows: (See Map.)

1. To 39th St., South Brooklyn, from the Battery.

2. To Hamilton Av., from the Battery.

3. To Atlantic Av., from the Battery.

4. To Montague St. from Wall St. (does not run evenings or Sundays).

5. To Fulton St. from Fulton St.

6. To Bridge St. from James St.

7. To Main St., from Catherine St.

8. To Broadway, E. D., from Roosevelt St.

9. To Broadway, E. D., from Grand St. and from E. 42d St.

10. To Grand St., E. D., from Grand St.

11. To Grand St., E. D., from Houston St.

12. To Greenpoint (Brooklyn, E. D.) from E. 10th St.

13. To Broadway, E. D., from E. 23d St.

14. To Greenpoint, E. D., from E. 23d St.

*Catherine Ferry.*—See *Brooklyn*, 7.

*Christopher St. Ferry.*—See *Hoboken*, 2.

*Communipaw Ferry.*—See *Jersey City*, 1.

*Cortlandt St. Ferry.*—See *Jersey City*, 2.

*Desbrosses St. Ferry.*—See *Jersey City*, 4.

*To Elysian Fields.*—See *Hoboken*, 3.



MADISON SQUARE—Looking North up Fifth Avenue.

*To Fort Lee.*—From W. 129th St., half-hourly via Undercliff.

*Fourteenth St. Ferry.*—See *Hoboken*, 3.

*Franklin St. Ferry.*—See *Weehawken*, 1.

*Fulton Ferry.*—See *Brooklyn*, 5.

*To Governor's Island.*—From the Battery, hourly.

*Grand St. Ferry.*—See *Brooklyn*, 9 and 10.

*To Greenpoint.*—See *Brooklyn*, 12 and 14.

*Hamilton Ferry.*—See *Brooklyn*, 2.

*To Hoboken.*—As follows:

1. To First St. (D., L. & W. R. R.) from Barclay St.

2. To the same point, from Christopher St.

3. To 14th St. (Elysian Fields), from 14th St.

*To Hunter's Point* (Long Island R. R.).—See *Long Island City*.

*To Jersey City.*—As follows: (See Map.)

1. To Communipaw (Central R. R. of N. J.), from Liberty St.

2. To Montgomery St. (Pennsylvania R. R.) from Cortlandt St.

3. To the same point, from Desbrosses St.

4. To the same point, from W. 23d St.

5. To Pavonia Av. ("Erie" R. R.), from Chambers St.

6. To Bay St., from W. 13th St.

7. To Pavonia Av. ("Erie" R. R.), from W. 23d St.

*To Long Island City.*—As follows:

1. To Hunter's Point (Long Island R. R.), from James Slip.

2. To the same point, from E. 34th St.

*To North (or Bowery) Beach.*—See *College Point*.

*Pavonia Ferry.*—See *Jersey City*, 4 and 6.

*Roosevelt Ferry.*—See *Brooklyn*, 8.

*To South Brooklyn.*—See *Brooklyn*, 1 and 2.

*To Staten Island.*—To St. George's (S. I. Rapid Transit R. R.), from the Battery, half-hourly to midnight.

*Twenty-third St.*—See *Brooklyn*, 13 and 14, and *Jersey City*, 5 and 7.

*Wall St. Ferry.*—See *Brooklyn*, 4.

*To Weehawken:*

1. To West Shore R. R. station, from Franklin St.

2. To North Weehawken, from W. 42d St.

3. To West Shore R. R. station, from W. 42d St.



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### *The Brooklyn and other Bridges.*

**The Original Brooklyn Bridge.**—This magnificent bridge spans the East River and connects New York and Brooklyn. Its terminus in New York is opposite City Hall Park, and directly reached by the City Hall branch of the Third Av. El. Ry., and by all the surface cars that go to the Post Office. Park Place is the nearest station on the Sixth Av. El. Ry. The terminus in Brooklyn is in the new plaza at Fulton and Sand Sts., where all the elevated railways of that city have their termini in a covered union station, and can be reached without descending to the ground, and where the cars of nearly every surface line are within a few steps. The bridge carries two drives, a broad, free footwalk, a double-track cable railroad, and an electric loop-line. The walk across is delightful, and seats are scattered along the broad "promenade," and in the balconies about the towers, where one may rest and enjoy the view.

**Bridge Cars.**—The bridge cable railroad carried the larger number of persons who crossed the bridge until lately. The cars run in trains of three at intervals of a minute or less during the busiest hours, and cross in six minutes. The fare is 3 cents, two tickets for 5 cents. Since the summer of 1898, the trains of the Brooklyn elevated railways have run to the Manhattan end of the bridge, where the platforms were enlarged and rearranged to accommodate the traffic. Among these elevated trains some are run through at short intervals in summer to Rockaway Beach over the Fulton St. line, and others to Coney Island over the Fifth Av. line. The car platforms at both ends are directly accessible from the stations of the elevated railways, and policemen are numerous and attentive.

**Trolley Cars** began early in 1898 to run from Brooklyn to the Manhattan end of the bridge, where they pass around loops and return to Brooklyn, where each is shunted to its own line. No extra fare is required on the bridge; the tracks are laid, one on each roadway; and all the Brooklyn lines make equal use of the privilege.

**New East River Bridge.**—Another suspension bridge is just finished, crossing the East River from the foot of Broome St., Manhattan, to Broadway, Brooklyn, the terminals extending half a mile inland on each side of the river. The two supporting towers are 1,600 feet apart. They are, above the water line, made of open-work steel, and, from a short distance, look fragile, but in each of them is 6,000,000 pounds of steel, and their foundations and the anchorages of the cables are of the utmost solidity and safety.

**POST OFFICE AND POSTAL FACILITIES.**

**The General Post Office** is at the junction of Broadway and Park Row, next the City Hall, and is reached from up town by all the north and south surface railways, and by the Third Av. El. Ry. to City Hall station, or by the Sixth Av. line to Park Place. The "general delivery" (*poste restante*) windows are near the front door; the stamp selling windows on the Broadway side. Letters can be asked for and stamps bought all night as well as during the day, except on Sunday. The money-order, registered-letter, and other special offices are upstairs, and are open from 9 to 5. The pneumatic dispatch is in the basement. The top stories contain Federal Courts, etc.

The site of this huge building (which is a conspicuous example of the unlovely structures erected for the government when Mr. Mullet was supervising architect) was formerly the southern point of City Hall Park. The structure is five stories high above the sidewalk—one story being in the Mansard roof—besides a basement.

**Branch Post Offices.**—General details in regard to post-office management and the handling of mails have no place here, but a few facts may be useful to the stranger as to the branch post offices, called *Stations*. These branches are scattered all over the city, and form the local centers for collection and distribution of mail by the carriers. They are open until 8 p. m. on week days, and from 8 to 10 a. m. on Sundays. Stamps, money orders, postal notes and registered letters may be bought there, but no letters are given to callers at these stations, any letter addressed to a station being delivered to the address by the carrier, or, if this is not known, returned to the General Post Office to be advertised, etc. For any questions as to the delivery of your mail by the carrier, go to the station in whose district you live. Following is a list of branch offices:

Madison Sq., Madison Av. and 23d St., entrance on 23d St.

*A*, 136 and 138 Greene St.

*B*, 380 Grand St., between Norfolk and Suffolk Sts.

*C*, Cor. Hudson and Bethune Sts.



Post Office.

PARK ROW—Looking north from Broadway and Vesey Street.

*D*, Third Av., between 8th and 9th Sts.  
*E*, No. 110 W. 32d St.  
*F*, 401 Third Av., bet. 28th and 29th Sts.  
*G*, Broadway and 51st St.  
*H*, Lexington Av. and 44th St. (Second-class matter received.)  
*I*, Columbus Av., cor. 105th St.  
*J*, 2309 Eighth Av., cor. 124th St.  
*K*, 203 E. 86th St., near Third Av.  
*L*, 141 E. 125th St.  
*M*, Amsterdam Av., near 157th St.  
*N*, Cor. Broadway and 69th St.  
*O*, 122 Fifth Av. (Second-class matter received.)  
*P*, Stone St., cor. Produce Exchange.  
*R*, Morrisania, Third Av. and 150th St.  
*S*, Broadway, cor. Howard St.  
*T*, 3319 Third Av.  
*U*, Third Av., cor. 103d St.  
*V*, Wool Exchange, West Broadway and Canal St.  
*W*, 498 Columbus Av., cor. 84th St.  
*Y*, 1160 Third Av., near 68th St.  
 Foreign Branch, West St., near Morton St.  
 City Island.  
 High Bridge, Sedgewick Av., near Depot Place.  
 Kingsbridge.  
 University Heights.  
 Bedford Park.

In addition to this, some fifty sub-stations have lately been established—principally in drug stores. These are primarily for the sale of stamps, the registering of letters, and the sale of money orders, but there are also collection boxes at each sub-station.

By means of all these aids to rapid circulation of mail, letters will be delivered in any part of the city within two or three hours of mailing at the utmost, and if addressed to a point within the same district where mailed, in a much shorter time.

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### *Telegraphs, Telephones, and Messenger Service.*

**Telegraphs.**—All the land telegraph and ocean cable companies have their offices and many branch stations in New York. *The Western Union Headquarters* is in the huge building at the corner of Broadway and Dey St., just below the Post Office. At Fifth Av. and 22d St. and at 16 Broad St. are the principal branch offices, connected with the central office at Dey St. by pneumatic tubes.





THE BOWERY — From Grand Street Elevated Station.

*The Postal Telegraph and Commercial Cable Companies* have their central office and main operating room in their new building at Broadway and Murray St., and many branches throughout the city. Telephones are everywhere. The system covering Greater New York and vicinity, which is operated by the New York Telephone Company, has over 200,000 stations. Pay stations for the accommodation of travelers and the public in general may be found in all railroad and ferry stations, hotels, stores, and other convenient places.

*The American District and the Mutual District Telegraph Companies* have offices scattered all over town, generally in conjunction with the Western Union offices, where uniformed messengers are on hand to deliver telegrams, answer calls, and perform every variety of service for which a boy is capable. The charge is regulated by a tariff, printed in a book carried by the boys, and it is well to learn in advance what will be the charge for the service you wish done.



### III.

## THEATERS AND THE OPERA.

New York now has about 60 theaters, properly so called (including the opera), besides several places where similar entertainments are often given. Stock companies are maintained, however, only at a very few, the metropolitan stage being almost entirely given up to companies led by some star, which give a certain play or series of plays for a certain time and then yield the boards to a different lessee company and play, perhaps of an entirely different character. This has completely upset the traditions of the older theaters—where the public knew just what kind and quality of play might be expected, whatever its name—and has stamped little individuality upon any of the new ones. The usual prices are \$2.00 for the orchestra or best balcony seats, \$1.00 admission without a secured seat, and 50 cents to \$1.00 for the upper galleries. These prices are increased for grand operæ and special performances.

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## LIST OF THEATERS.

*Academy of Music*—14th St. and Irving Pl.  
*Alhambra*—7th Av. and 126th St.  
*American*—260 W. 42d St.  
*Astor*—45th St. and Broadway.  
*Belasco*—209 West 42d St.  
*Bijou*—Broadway, near 30th St.  
*Broadway*—1445 Broadway.  
*Casino*—Broadway and 39th St.  
*\*Circle*—1825 Broadway.  
*\*Colonial*—Broadway and 62d St.  
*Criterion*—Broadway and 44th St.  
*Daly's*—Broadway and 30th St.  
*Dewey*—126-30 East 14th St.  
*Eden Musee*—55 West 23d St.  
*Empire*—Broadway and 40th St.  
*Fourteenth Street*—107 West 14th St.  
*Garden*—Madison Av. and 27th St.  
*Garrick*—63-7 West 35th St.  
*Gotham*—165 West 25th St.  
*Grand Opera House*—Eighth Av. and 23d St.  
*Hackett*—42d St., near Eighth Av.  
*Herald Square*—Broadway and 35th St.  
*Hippodrome*—Corner 44th St. and Sixth Av.  
*Hudson*—139 West 44th St.  
*\*Hurtig & Seamon's*—209 West 125th St.  
*Irving Place*—Irving Pl. and 15th St.  
*\*Keith & Proctor's Fifth Avenue*—Broadway and 28th St.  
*\*Keith & Proctor's Harlem Opera House*—205 West 125th St.  
*Keith & Proctor's 125th Street*—112 East 125th St.  
*\*Keith & Proctor's Palace*—154 East 58th St.  
*\*Keith & Proctor's 23d Street*—143 West 23d St.  
*\*Keith & Proctor's Union Square*—14th St. and Broadway.  
*Knickerbocker*—Broadway and 38th St.  
*Liberty*—234 West 42d St.  
*Lincoln Square*—Broadway and 66th St.  
*Lyceum*—149 West 45th St.  
*Lyric*—213 West 42d St.  
*Madison Square*—24th St. and Broadway.  
*Majestic*—Eighth Av. and 58th St.  
*Manhattan*—1285 Broadway.  
*Manhattan Opera House*—Eighth Av. and 34th St.  
*Metropolis*—2644 Third Av.  
*Metropolitan Opera House*—Broadway and 39th St.  
*Murray Hill Theater*—Lexington Av. and 41st St.  
*New Amsterdam*—214 West 42d St.  
*New Star*—Lexington Av. and 107th St.  
*New York*—Broadway and 45th St.  
*\*Pastor's*—143 East 14th St.  
*Princess*—Broadway and 29th St.  
*Savoy*—112 West 34th St.  
*Third Avenue*—443 Third Av.  
*\*Victoria*—Seventh Av. and 42d St.  
*Wallack's*—Broadway and 30th St.  
*Weber Music Hall*—Broadway and 29th St.  
*West End*—368 West 125th St.  
*Windsor*—45 Bowery.  
*Yorkville*—1291 Lexington Av

\*Vaudeville.



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### **MUSIC, LECTURES, AND EXHIBITIONS.**

**The Madison Square Garden.**—This structure, opened in June, 1890, is of a class by itself, since it affords accommodations for a variety of entertainments. It occupies the block diagonally opposite the northeast corner of Madison Square, bounded by Madison Av., 27th St., Fourth Av., and 26th St., the site of the old garden where circuses, athletic matches, and exhibitions were wont to be seen. The new building is a handsome structure of buff brick and light terra cotta; is constructed wholly of masonry, iron, and glass; is lighted by electricity, and is absolutely fire-proof. At the southwest corner a tower rises to the height of 300 feet, ascended by elevators and staircases and provided with summit balconies commanding a wide landscape. The building contains an amphitheater, a theater, a restaurant, a concert hall, a roof garden, and several smaller rooms, with all possible conveniences for public and private entertainments. On special occasions all portions of this structure, except the theater

can be so arranged as to communicate. The *Amphitheater* is 310 by 194 feet and 80 feet high, with an arena containing a track one-tenth of a mile in length. It has a permanent seating capacity for 6,000 people, inclusive of 150 private boxes, and for conventions and similar purposes, can be arranged to seat 12,000. Under the permanent seats, and extending around the entire Amphitheater, is a continuous hall with upward of 30,000 square feet available for exhibitions and fairs. Here the great fancy balls are held, the annual horse, dog, and flower shows, the circus in spring, autumn conventions, and midsummer concerts. The *Restaurant*, on the ground floor in the Madison Av. and 26th St. corner of the building, is 80 x 90 feet in dimensions, and is handsomely decorated. Its kitchen is on the roof. Over the restaurant is the *Concert Hall*, seating 1,500 people; it is also intended to be used as a ball or banqueting room, and for this purpose connecting supper-rooms and every convenience have been provided. The *Roof Garden and Theater* have been elsewhere described.

**Concert Halls.**—First among halls devoted primarily to musical productions is the *Carnegie Music Hall*, a beautiful building on Seventh Av. and 57th St. It was founded by Andrew Carnegie, has cost over \$2,000,000, was opened in May, 1890, and has an auditorium which will seat 3,000 persons, besides three smaller halls for recitals and chamber music, and a series of elegant lodge-rooms. While the main purpose of the institution is the encouragement of superior music, and the popular orchestral concerts of Damrosch and Seidl made it widely known, its halls are also to be rented for conventions, lectures, etc. Other similar institutions of lesser size are **Mendelssohn Hall**, 119 W. 40th St.; **Steinway Hall**, E. 14th St.; **Berkeley Lyceum**, 19 W. 44th St., and **Lyric Hall**, Sixth Av., near 42d St., all of which are constantly used for lectures and meetings, as well as concerts. The ball rooms of the **Waldorf-Astoria Hotel**, **St. Regis**, **Delmonico's**, and **Sherry's** are the scenes not only of balls and banquets, but of fashionable parlor lectures, musicales, etc.

**Musical Societies.**—The oldest musical society in the city is said to be the German **Liederkrantz**, founded in 1847. The society has about 1,600 members, and a female chorus of about 80 voices. Its club-house is in E. 58th St., between Park and Lexington Aves. The **Liederkrantz** gives at its own hall three concerts, making it a point to perform at each a novelty with their full chorus.





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MADISON SQUARE GARDEN—Madison and Fourth Avenues, West Twenty-sixth  
and West Twenty-seventh Streets.



The **Arion** is another well-known singing and social club, much like the *Liederkrantz*, though less serious in its musical manifestations. There are some 800 members, 150 of whom are in the choir, and the club-house is a handsome edifice at Park Av. and 59th St.

Less generally known are the Beethoven Männerchor, 210 5th St.; the Männerchor, 203 E. 56th St. the Mendelssohn Glee Club, 113 W. 40th St.; the New York Sängerbunde, 138 E. 57th St.; the Oratorio Society, Seventh Av. near W. 56th St.; and the Philharmonic Society, Carnegie Hall. The concerts of the last-named reach the climax.

Lectures in New York are frequent, but occasional, and the advertisements in the daily papers, especially in *The Tribune* and *The Evening Post*, should be scrutinized daily by anyone interested. Chickering Hall and the hall of the Y. M. C. A. building are the usual places for their delivery, but many are given in churches, and in theaters on Sunday, especially in the Grand Opera House. A long course of weekly lectures is sustained by the Y. M. C. A. each winter; the Cooper Union supports a free course of lectures on popular science and kindred subjects, and the City provides hundreds of free illustrated lectures in schoolhouses each winter. At Columbia College the lectures to the higher classes are often open to the public, too. The lecture hall of the American Museum of Natural History is occupied nearly every night in winter by illustrated lectures on travel and scientific topics, always free, and exceedingly popular. They are given by the Museum and the Scientific Alliance. But perhaps the most interesting thing in this line, to a visitor, is an evening in the great basement-hall of the **Cooper Union**. Here are held not only the largest political mass-meetings that assemble anywhere in the city under cover (it was here that Lincoln made his renowned speech in 1860); but it is the usual forum for addresses by the orators of all sorts of reforms and social and religious *isms*. It is an enormous room, and some of the crowds which assemble there exhibit, in a way that can be seen nowhere else at a glance, the cosmopolitan polyglot character of the metropolis. A Sunday-night meeting at the Cooper Union is one of the "sights" of New York.

The *Lenox Lyceum* at Madison Av. and 59th St., and the *Grand Central Palace*, Lexington Av. and 43d St., are large halls devoted to fairs, bicycle tournaments, and similar entertainments.

**Museums and Galleries**—The two great museums of the city are described as a part of Central Park (see **PARKS, ART AND LIBRARIES**).



NEW YORK TIMES BUILDING—Broadway and 42d Street.



#### IV.

### THE CITY'S PARKS, DRIVES, AND PUBLIC MUSEUMS.

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ONE OF THE GALLERIES OF THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART.

halves, a northern and a southern, by the high ground around the Belvidere and the sunken road at 79th St., beyond which, northward, are the reservoirs and the upper park, to which, however, a stranger does not ordinarily extend his walk. The principal entrance to the park is at 59th St. and Fifth Av., where the Drive begins and where the park phaetons start. This is called the Scholars' Gate, and it is appropriately adorned by a colossal bust of Alex. von Humboldt, at the unveiling of which, in 1874, Prof. Louis Agassiz made a memorable address. At Eighth Av. and 59th St. is another spacious entrance, in front of which there is a circular esplanade, styled the *Columbus Plaza*. In the center of this circle towers the lofty rostral column surmounted by a statue of Columbus—a monument presented to the city by its Italian residents in 1892, in commemoration of the Columbian anniversary. Nearer the park entrance the statue of "Commerce," presented to the city in 1805 by Mr. Stephen B. Guion, may be seen. Gates will also be found where Seventh and Sixth Aves. abut upon the park; the Sixth Av. gate has a statue to Thorwaldsen, presented by Scandinavian citizens. The Scholar's Gate (Fifth Av. and 59th St.) is the best starting point for a ramble, and the reader is advised to make his way along the broad thoroughfare leading inward from that entrance, which will quickly take him to the

**Menagerie.**—The living animals displayed here will hold his attention a longer or shorter time according as his interest in them is large or small. They are grouped in small houses around the old Arsenal, a picturesque building of unknown age containing a police station in the basement, offices for the administration of the Commissioner for Manhattan, and a meteorological observatory of much consequence in the attic; it is close to the gate at 64th St. and Fifth Av. In front of it are houses and cages containing the monkeys, the parrots, and other tropical birds, and certain cats and other small animals that require warmth; a cage of eagles; a large wire fronted aviary, and several pens containing buffalos, deer, etc. In the rear of the Arsenal are pens for the deers, bisons, oriental buffalos and other quadrupeds; the great tank for the sea-lions; and exposed cages with wolves, etc. In winter many of these cages and paddocks are unoccupied, the animals that inhabit them in warm weather having been put under shelter. The lion-house, containing the lions, tigers, leopard, etc., the two-horned rhinoceros, and the interesting trio of hippopotami (which are provided with a huge tank), is among these cages, and forms the central attraction to most visitors. In the rear





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outside the park, the Dakota, Majestic, and San Remo hotels, and the Natural History Museum are here conspicuous. The memorial statue of the Seventh Regiment also stands near 72d St., and not far from it is a bust of Mazzini, the Italian liberator, modeled by Turini, and the gift of Italian citizens. Leaving the lake shore, the drive loses itself among almost continuous lines of trees. The grim walls of the lower reservoir are near at hand on the right. Near the 81st St. gate an equestrian statue of General Simon Bolivar will attract notice. It was a gift from the government and people of the Venezuelan Republic. Through thickening and beautiful woods, opening here to a glimpse of sunny hill-slopes or rocky exposures, and there to the shining surface of the lake-like reservoir, the passenger rolls smoothly along the perfectly kept road. If it is in the morning not many carriages will be seen, but the bridle-path which follows the road pretty closely may be well filled; but if the hour is toward sunset the drive will be crowded with handsome equipages, and one may feel himself quite "in the swim." The upper end of the park is much wilder and more solitary than the lower end; and here, on a bit of a hilltop called Mt. St. Vincent, at the extreme end of the drive, is a large restaurant and lounging place, where excellent fare is given at moderate rates.

The southward ride along the East Drive differs from the upper part of the West Drive only in the fact that you overlook a wide area of half-built town toward the east. The Obelisk and Metropolitan Museum of Art are passed at 82d St., with passing glances of admiration for Conradt's statue of Alexander Hamilton, and Kemeys's "Still Hunt," which stands a little above them. Then the beautiful woods and rocky knolls and lake glimpses along the eastern side of the lower park begin; the bronze statue of Prof. S. F. B. Morse, the inventor of the electric telegraph, attracts attention near the 72d St. entrance; Ward's historical statue of "The Pilgrim" (a gift from the New England Society) is justly admired as the Lake is approached; the Terrace and Mall fall under our eyes, and the ride ends at the familiar approach to the Scholars' Gate—the starting point.

### *The Metropolitan Museum of Art.*

The Metropolitan Museum of Art is on the eastern side of Central Park, opposite the entrance at 81st St. It is half a mile from an elevated railway, but is reached directly by the Fifth Av. stages. The Fourth (or Madison) Av. street-cars pass within one block, and



the park carriages go to the door. Admittance is free except on Monday and Friday, when 25 cents is charged; open Sunday, 1 to 5 p. m.

The principal entrance is in the east front. Turnstiles within the door admit and register visitors, and umbrellas and canes must be checked and left at the desk. A series of hand-books, costing 10 to 20 cents each, may be bought, covering a number of the separate exhibits; the catalogue of paintings is especially full and valuable.

Unlike the great European art museums, the Metropolitan is a private institution, receiving but a small sustenance from New York



The Original Home, the First Section  
Built, of the Metropolitan Museum of  
Art, in Central Park.

City. The Louvre, the British Museum, the art galleries of Dresden, Naples, Vienna, and Madrid, are national institu-

tions, and some of them centuries old. But this is a corporation of individuals, who devote some of the benefits of their wealth in this way to the people; and although the older part of the museum was erected little more than ten years ago, it stands unique in the world in its Cyprian antiquities; is second only to the British Museum in its Babylonian cylinders; leads all American collections in paintings and statues, and has acquired an incomparable series of mummy cases.

The original plan of the building provided for extensions, which have been made from time to time on the rear or northern side in order to accommodate the rapid accumulation of new objects by the munificence of art-lovers. Other and more extended enlargements are in progress on the eastern side. The corporation in charge of the museum has for several years maintained an estimable art school in New York City.



Among the treasures of this museum are examples of the most noted of the masters of the Italian, Dutch, Flemish, and Spanish schools—Michael Angelo, Leonardi de Vinci, Correggio, Murillo, Claude Lorraine, Titian, Velasques, Teniers, Holbein, Albert Durer, Rembrandt, Rubens, and many others, are all represented. The modern French and English schools have specimens ranging from Gainsborough, Turner, and Reynolds to Rosa Bonheur, Leighton, Alma Tadema, and Constant. The American school includes Gilbert Stuart, Kennett, Cropsey, Gay, and Innes. The metallic arts, porcelains, laces, and musical instruments are amongst the most noted, but the most artistic and remarkable gathering is probably that of the goldsmith's art, mainly due to the munificence of J. Pierpont Morgan, containing magnificent examples, going back to 300 B. C., in most perfect condition, amongst which are a *corona Triumphalis*, such as were awarded to athletes; a *corona Nuptialis*, or bridal wreath, wrought in silver and gold, in leaves of the oak, myrtle, and hawthorn, both in leaf and flower-bud; and a gold crown of the Priestess of Demeter. Sculpture and architectural embellishment are represented mainly by casts, but they are good ones, and few museums can possibly have more than a few originals. Arms and armor, and specimens of the art of the worker in iron are a worthy and, in some respects, a remarkable collection, as also is the exhibit of early glass—Persian and Arabian, Greek, Roman, and early Phœnician. Carved wood, of European, Japanese, and Burmese workmanship with elaborate inlaying, is represented by some of the best extant examples. In fact, for variety, richness, and artistic excellence, the Metropolitan Museum bids fair, especially in light of the Rogers five millions to which it has recently fallen heir, to rank amongst the best art galleries of the world.

### *The Obelisk, "Cleopatra's Needle."*

The obelisks that stand as mementoes of ancient religions and kingdoms in the valley of the Nile, have been objects of intense interest to the world ever since their erection; and it is a subject of gratification to all Americans that the most distinguished of those remaining in Egypt—the far-famed "Cleopatra's Needle," should have been permitted to come to New York. This obelisk was quarried out of the hard, rose-red syenite of the quarries of Assouan (anciently Syene), in Nubia, and was then floated 700 miles down the Nile to the ancient city of On, known in classical writings as Heliopolis—City of the Sun—whose ruins are near the modern village of Matunyah, five miles from Cairo.



HISTORIC CLAREMONT, AMERICA'S FAMOUS ROADHOUSE—See page 59. R. A. Guheen Co., Lessee.



GRANT'S TOMB—South Front Entrance.

The top corner figures and other sculpture has yet to be supplied.

### Other Parks and Drives.

**Riverside Park and Grant's Tomb.**—Riverside Park, or Drive, lies along the high verge of the Hudson, between 71st and 127th Sts., and is reached by the boulevard street-cars, by the Sixth Av. El. Ry. (half a mile walk), or, at its upper end, by the cable-cars along 125th St. to Fort Lee Ferry. It was the subject of an appreciative illustrated article by William A. Stiles, in *The Century*, October, 1885, and of an illustrated article in *Munsey*, October, 1898.



THE MALL, CENTRAL PARK

Where the band plays on Saturdays and Sundays in summer.

All along Riverside Avenue, which bounds the park inland and extends northward to the Convent in Manhattanville, elegant houses, surrounded by extensive lawns and flower gardens are rising; and it is fair to suppose that this admirable region will become, and permanently remain, one of the finest and most fashionable residence portions of the metropolis. "The road itself—a cluster of ample ways for pleasure riding, driving, and walking, separated by strips of turf from which stately trees are to rise, and extending for three miles—would have a dignity of its own wherever it might lead through the



city. But its position overlooking the broad Hudson gives it an added importance and an individual character which are not repeated nor paralleled in any of the famous avenues of the world."

The roadway and pedestrian promenade is bounded by the low coping of the massive retaining wall, which withholds the drive from sliding down the steep river-bank. "Below this retaining wall the woods have been left in their native wildness, with only asphalt walks threading aisles made by the trees themselves. It is in this wilderness that Riverside lovers find a paradise. . . . As long as the daylight lasts the walks and grass-grown hills are the playgrounds of myriads of children. . . . Bordering the eastern line of the drive-way is a row of fine modern houses quite unlike any other metropolitan dwellings. It seems almost as though their owners had endeavored to combine with the necessities of city life some of the joys of a rural residence." These elegant homes begin on the rise south of the 79th St. hollow, and are resumed at 84th St. After passing the big private school for girls between 85th and 86th Sts., one comes to a handsome row of light-colored residences. Gen. E. L. Viele lives on the corner of 88th St.; near 90th St. a very striking house, with a red tiled roof and many balconies, is that of John H. Matthews, "who made a solid fortune out of effervescent soda;" and the 90th St. corner is occupied by the picturesque ivy-grown home of Mrs. Mary S. Parsons, in front of which a flight of stone steps descends to the river; this house was built by Cyrus Clark, "Father of the West Side" on the site of the pillared country-seat of Brockholst Livingston. The Delanceys, Apthorpes, and McVickers once had adjoining estates, and a volume of interesting local reminiscences might be compiled here.

Outside the drive stands a bronze copy of Houdin's statue of Washington, given to the city by the school-children. Beyond this comes the hollow and roadway at 96th St., plans for bridging which are in progress; and the high ground on the further side is crowned by the old-fashioned white mansion of the Furness estate, marked by a pillared portico and spacious wings. The large red brick and brown stone house and grounds of Peter Doelger cover half the block at 100th St. Another big house set back from and above the street, and surrounded by a garden at 102d St., noticeable for the fact that it is built of iron, is the home of Mrs. Bertha Foster, widow of the man whose patent glove-hooks brought him a fortune. Maggie Mitchell, the actress, dwells in her own house a block east, at the corner of West End Avenue; and Richard Mansfield lives at No. 312, just beyond 104th St. At 108th St. the huge square-towered house of S. G. Bayne, and the ivy-grown one of his neighbor, H. S. F. Davis, are conspicuous, but above that few have been built. This, however, is the highest, most slightly part of the drive, and lots are said to be worth \$25,000 apiece.

A similar drive is La Fayette Boulevard, along the view front of Washington Heights, reached from Riverside Drive by new Viaduct and Broadway.

Park carriages ply between 72d St. and Grant's Tomb; fare, 25 cents.

The *Claremont* restaurant is one of the historic landmarks of the city and a meal in its breezy verandas is one of the indispensable things "to do." It is on a bluff just above Grant's tomb, commanding an unsurpassed view of the Hudson and the Palisades, and its history is an epitome of America's public life. Over the adjacent hills, with Washington in command, was fought the ever memorable battle of Harlem. It was modeled after Lord Clive's historic *Claremont* in Surrey, England, now owned by King Edward VII. From *Claremont* the British minister viewed the trials of the first steamboat, Fulton's *Clermont*, in 1807. It was the residence of Joseph Bonaparte, whom Napoleon made King of Spain, and, since its acquisition by the city, its Lessee (R. A. Gushee) has entertained untold hosts of guests from President McKinley to the Governors and Officials of the State and City. *Claremont* is in fact the gathering place of the beauty and the chivalry of the metropolis.

The northern part of the park has kept the old name *Claremont Heights*, and here, overlooking a commanding prospect, and surrounded by quiet lawns, which keep at a reverential distance the "equipage and bravery of fashion," has been placed the **Tomb of Gen. U. S. Grant**, the first soldier of the restored Union.

General Grant died on July 23, 1885. His own preference, as well as that of his family, led to his interment in New York; and the site of the present monument was chosen, and set apart by the city, because of its natural beauty, not only, but because a memorial building would be visible from many distant points in the city, harbor, and river. A temporary vault-like tomb was immediately constructed, and the body was placed therein, August 8, 1885, after "the most solemn and imposing" funeral demonstration ever made in New York, viewed by more than a million people. Here the body of the great captain remained until removed to its present final resting-place, in 1897. The following description of this magnificent mausoleum is quoted by permission from Gen. Horace Porter's account in *The Century Magazine*, for April, 1897:

"The lower portion of the tomb is a square structure of the Grecian-Doric order, measuring 90 feet on a side. The entrance is on the south side, and is protected by a portico formed of double lines of columns, and approached by steps 70 feet wide. The square portion is finished with a cornice and a parapet, at a height from grade of 72 feet, and above this is a circular cupola 70 feet in diameter, of the Ionic, which is surmounted with a pyramidal top terminating at a height of 150 feet above grade, or 280 feet above mean high water of the Hudson River. The interior is cruciform in plan, 76 feet at the greatest dimension; the four corners being piers of masonry connected at the top by coffered arches, the tops of which are 50 feet from the floor level. On these arches rest an open circular gallery of 40 feet



inner diameter, culminating in a paneled dome 105 feet above the level of the floor. The surfaces between the planes of the faces of the arches and the circular dome form pendentives which are decorated in high-relief sculpture, the work of J. Massey Rhind, and emblematic of the birth, military and civic life, and death of General Grant.

. . . The approach to the crypt is by stairways which give access to a passage encircling the space dedicated to the sarcophagi, which space is surrounded by square columns supporting paneled marble ceilings and entablature."

In the construction of this memorial the greatest care was taken to obtain the highest solidity and durability. The stone is granite from North Jay, Me.; only large, flawless blocks were used, and everywhere the best possible material and workmanship was exacted. Five years passed between the laying of the cornerstone by President Harrison and the dedication; and the total cost will be about \$600,000, contributed by about 90,000 givers, none in a larger sum than \$5,000, and almost entirely citizens of New York. The matter has been in the hands of a Monument Association, the most influential member of which was Gen. Horace Porter. Their sole reward was the universal public interest and magnificent pageantry that united to make the dedication of this memorial, April 27, 1897, one of the most notable public occasions in the history of the metropolis and the country. The plans contemplate a noble approach from the river's edge, where a steamboat-landing will be built.

The body of General Grant rests in a sarcophagus hollowed from a single, flawless block of red porphyry, quarried at Monteiro, Wis., which is closed by a massive lid of the same lustrous material. A duplicate beside it will contain the body of Mrs. Grant, according to the General's wishes.

**Morningside Park** extends from Central Park at 110th St. to 123d St. It occupies high, rocky ground, and the battlemented wall and heavy staircases along its eastern side, overlooking the Harlem flats, are conspicuous from the trains of the Sixth Av. El. Ry. At its northern end are the remains of Fort Laight, one of the line of block-houses, built to defend the northern approaches to the city in the war of 1812-14.

**Morningside Heights** is the name given to the elevated plateau immediately west of Morningside Park, which is gradually becoming covered with imposing buildings, and will be, after a few years, the most beautiful part of the city. At the southern end will stand the magnificent Protestant Episcopal Cathedral of St. John, the Divine; a part of the apse has been erected. Just above it has already been finished the first section of the St. Luke's Hospital.



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MORNINGSIDE PARK AND CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS—110th Street.

### ***Parks and Drives North of the Harlem.***

Harlem has its own little park in pretty *Mt. Morris Square*, which occupies about twenty acres and interrupts Fifth Av., between 120th and 124th sts., by its rocky hill, which is over 100 feet high, and crowned by an observatory. An examination of this relic of the original roughness of the land here gives one an idea of the labor expended in reducing to the present level the streets and building sites of this now flat and monotonous district. Another reservation is that for *Colonial Park*, between Bradhurst and Edgewood avs., extending from W. 145th to W. 155th St.

• Six new parks, in and near the annexed district north of the Harlem River, recently projected, are as follows:

**Van Cortlandt Park.**—A new and large park containing 1,069 acres, which is yet almost in its original condition of rocky woodland, lake and stream, and contains a large parade ground for the National Guard. Van Cortlandt station, on the N. Y. & Putnam R. R., stands upon its margin and near the lake and public golf links.

• **Bronx Park** lies along both sides of the Bronx River above West Farms. It is reached by elevated railroad, Bronx Station, or by trolley-cars to West Farms or Bronxville; and is connected with Van Cortlandt Park by the Moshulu Parkway, and with Pelham Park, along the coast of Long Island Sound, four miles eastward, by another Parkway.

Bronx Park was long ago the property of the *Lordlards*, whose mansion still stands near the waterfall that ran the old snuff mill wherein the family fortune was begun. The manor house is now a police station. The *Botanical Gardens*, which are resulting



from the efforts of a society in coöperation with the city government, are in this part of the park, which has been prepared for them; some three hundred acres have been set apart for this purpose. The *Zoölogical Garden*, under the care of the New York Zoölogical Society, in coöperation with the State and City, adjoins the Botanical Garden and has a grant of 266 acres. A grand display of animals, domiciled as nearly as possible in their native circumstances, is made, and special attention given to American animals. Both institutions have a high educational value, by maintaining libraries and lecture courses; and the public is admitted free on four or five days of each week.

**Crotona Park** is a space of 135 acres between Morrisania and Tremont, also connected with Bronx Park by a drive. It is easily reached by the Suburban El. Ry. to 170th St. *Claremont Park* lies upon the wooded ridge three-quarters of a mile east of High Bridge, and just west of Central Morrisania (Harlem R. R.) station; and *St. Mary's Park* is in the heart of Morrisania. There is also a little park surrounding the reservoir at the southern end of High Bridge.

**Pelham Bay Park** is the largest park in the city, consisting of 1,756 acres of unimproved country, with seven miles of water-front on Long Island Sound. It has great potentialities of development. It is reached at the Bartow station of the Harlem branch of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. A public golf links has been made by the city, and when this park is joined to the Bronx by a parkway, as it is intended to be, it will be the richest of the string of parks that girdle the great city from the Sound to the Hudson.

**The Speedway.**—This is a public "speeding course" along the west bank of the upper Harlem River, provided by the city as a place where owners of fast horses may test their paces. Its length is about three miles, and its total width is from 125 to 150 feet, diminished to 95 feet, width of roadway, by the sidewalks, whose presence was bitterly opposed by the horsemen, whose selfishness has been conspicuous in the whole history of this peculiar feature of the city's public grounds. The construction of the road is as follows: Overlying a Telford bed are four inches of broken trap rock, graded to give the crown of the road a dip of two inches to the side channeling. On this are four inches of cinders, rolled and packed to the same grade. The top dressing is a mixture of sand, loam, and clay, the latter in the proportion of about two to one. The grade is as nearly level as it was possible to get it. From High Bridge to a little beyond Washington Bridge there are a few slight inclines and declines, but beyond Washington Bridge there is a practically straight and level stretch of two miles. The speedway can be reached from the 155th St. viaduct, and also from High Bridge, and when it is thronged with fine horses, in gallant rigs, it is one of the sights of the metropolis to any one interested in the subject of America's special equine product, the trotter and pacer. Both are to be seen here in their highest degrees of development.

**Drives.**— Though it is pleasant to wander almost anywhere along the winding roads north of the Harlem, east of the flats of Morrisania, some special "drives" have been prepared and are followed by those who have the carriages to use upon them. The *Southern Boulevard* starts from the north end of the Third Av. bridge and turning east follows the line of the Westchester shore of Long Island Sound, then curving around returns to the westward and joins Central Av. at Jerome Park. It is wide, well kept, and commands at its southern end some fine views of the Sound. It has electric cars.

*Central Avenue* begins at the north end of the Central Bridge, formerly called McComb's Dam Bridge. It is reached by Seventh Av. at 155th St. It is a wide boulevard and the road-bed is kept in excellent condition. This is the fashionable drive of the city outside of Central Park, and every afternoon, and especially on Sunday, it is thronged with splendid horses.

*St. Nicholas Avenue.*— This fine road was formerly Harlem Lane, and runs northwest from Central Park, alongside of the grounds of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, and thence to Ft. Washington, where it joins the *King's Bridge Road*, which you may follow thence to King's Bridge across the Harlem, after which it runs into Broadway and extends to Yonkers. All these are good 'cycling roads.



THE JUMEL MANSION.—Washington Heights,  
Once Washington's Headquarters.

## V.

### A TOUR OF THE CITY.

#### *WASHINGTON SQUARE TO THE BATTERY.*

**The Washington Arch.**—The visitor passes from Fifth Av. into Washington Sq. under the noble curve of the Centennial Arch, completed in 1893, which has been exquisitely modeled in marble at a cost of more than \$250,000, after the temporary structure built there for the centennial celebration of the inauguration of the first president of the United States, which took place in this city on May 1, 1889, with such memorable pomp and circumstance. It was paid for by popular subscriptions, mainly in small amounts, and almost wholly by residents of the city; and its sentimental and artistic value places it among the foremost objects of interest in the metropolis.

The park at **Washington Square** is nine acres in extent, and occupies the site of the old Potter's Field, wherein more than 100,000 bodies are buried. Later it was a military training ground, and a camp for volunteer troops during the late war. Its improvement is therefore more modern than the appearance of the grand elms would indicate. The north side of Washington Sq. is peculiarly impressive and interesting, from the style of the residences, many of which are still inhabited by affluent old families, too conservative and too much in love with past associations and with the beauty of the location to yield to the behest of fashion and move up-town. Many well-known literary men and artists dwell in this neighborhood.

The old gray Tudor halls of the University of the City of New York, which contained so many interesting memories, will be missed from the western side of the square, where they have been replaced by a lofty modern structure, in the top of which the University has resumed





WASHINGTON ARCH—Washington Square, looking up Fifth Avenue.



its sessions while the lower floors are devoted to business. The region south of the square has fallen into the deepest social degradation, and is inhabited by a mixture of Italians, French, Negroes, and non-descripts, among whom the police know many habitual criminals. The Italian poor predominate among the crowds that throng here on pleasant evenings; and to this people the city owes the bronze statue of Garibaldi, which faces the fountain, and is the work of Giovanni Turini. It was in view of this degradation that the south side of the square was chosen as the site of the mission church and home erected there in 1892, as a memorial to the Rev. Adoniram Judson, who was the first foreign missionary sent out from the United States. Its great yellow campanile dominates the square, and its parochial work penetrates to the most squalid corners of the dark neighborhood.

From Washington Square we walk down South Fifth Av., through the French quarter, to the station of the Sixth Av. El. Ry. at Bleecker St., and take our seats in a train bound down-town.

We alight at Battery Pl. and can spare a few minutes for a stroll about Battery Park and a glance at Castle Garden, facts in regard to which may be read in the next chapter. This done, we will turn our steps up Broadway toward the commercial quarter and Wall St.

### *Bowling Green to Wall Street.*

**Bowling Green** is a small oval of shrubbery in the triangular space at the foot of Broadway. It is the oldest park in the city, and was a market place in the early Colonial days of the Dutch town, whose narrow and intricate streets were laid out between it and East River. The English made a little park of it, and some of the best houses of pre-Revolutionary days overlooked its lawn. Here was erected that leaden statue of George III, which the spirited young Americans pulled down in 1776, and out of which, tradition says, they molded 42,000 bullets to fire at the red-coated subjects of the melted monarch — which was adding injury to insult.

The lower end of the park is now ornamented by a *bronze statue*, excellent in design, of Abraham de Peyster, who, about 1700, was the principal merchant and most influential publicist in New York; he sits in a chair inscribed with symbolic bas-reliefs. The statue is the gift of his descendant, J. Watts de Peyster, and the artist was W. E. Bissell, whose statue of Watts adorns Trinity churchyard.

"On the site now occupied by Mr. Cyrus W. Field's Washington building [the enormously high structure west of The Green and facing the Battery], No. 1 Broadway, Archibald Kennedy, the collector of the port, built in 1760, a large house, which successively became the headquarters of Lords Cornwallis and Howe, General Sir Henry Clinton, and General Washington, while Talleyrand made it his home during his stay in America. Benedict Arnold concocted his treasonable projects at No. 5 Broadway, and at No. 11, on the site of the Burgomaster Kruger's Dutch tavern, was General Gage's headquarters, in the old King's Arms inn. . . . South of the square, and on the site soon to be occupied by the new United States Custom House, the first governor of the New Netherlands, Peter Minuit, who had bought the Island of Manhattan from the Indians for \$24, built Fort Amsterdam, a block-house surrounded by a cedar palisade."

' Straight across from The Green, at the head of Whitehall St., the long, stately façade of the Produce Exchange forms the most conspicuous feature in the scene. This building is 300 by 150 feet in ground dimensions, 116 feet high to the cornice of the roof, and 22 to the top of the tower. It stands upon a foundation of 15,000 spruce piles, and is fire-proof throughout. The cost, including the ground, was nearly \$3,200,000, and when the bonded debt is liquidated it will yield an income of \$200,000 a year. The external material is brick and terra-cotta, and the style is modern renaissance of a beautiful order, surmounted by a massive campanile; and designed and executed by George B. Post, as architect.

The Produce Exchange arose by degrees out of the habit of the merchants, from the earliest time, of meeting in the central market-place to traffic together and compare prices. In 1690 an exchange building was first erected, partly for their use, at the foot of Broad St., succeeded in 1727 by an exclusive corn-exchange or market at the foot of Wall St. This was followed by other buildings more and more specially adapted to their needs, until finally the merchants united in erecting the Merchants' Exchange, now used as the U. S. Custom House. But after a time a number of discontented members and outsiders, who were then doing business in flour and grain in the open air at the lower end of Broad St., organized and incorporated a new association which set up for itself at the corner of Whitehall and Pearl Sts., where Washington Irving had lived in his younger days. To this new center all the old members were finally obliged to come, and in 1868 the "New York Produce Exchange" was organized, and on May 6, 1884, the members took possession of this new "temple of commerce." The old Corn Exchange has been torn down, and in its place has arisen the Army Building. The membership has long since reached the limit, 3,000, and when a vacancy occurs, by death or otherwise, from \$3,000 to \$5,000 is paid at an auction among approved bidders for the vacated certificate.

Several large entrances admit to the corridors, where are a branch post-office, the offices of the Produce Exchange Bank, and several other corporations. Nine elevators are constantly running, and visitors may easily go to the foot of the tower, where they are permitted to ascend the stairways to its summit.

If the visitor does not care for the Tower he stops at the Gallery floor, and passes into the balcony overlooking the "floor" of the Exchange.



THE PRODUCE EXCHANGE — Whitehall, Beaver, and Stone Streets.

Several other analogous business associations may be noted. Among them are: The *Mercantile Exchange* — butter, eggs, etc. — in Hudson St.; the *Coffee Exchange*, at Pearl and Beaver Sts.; the *Cotton Exchange*, (see below); the *Maritime Exchange*, in the Produce Exchange building; the *Metal Exchange*, on Burling Slip; the *Coal and Iron Exchange*, 131 East 58th St.; the *Real Estate Exchange*, 111 Broadway (see *Harper's Magazine*, November, 1888); *Building Material Exchange*, 11 Broadway, and the *Horse Exchange*, whose great stables are at 50th St. and Broadway, and which acts in conjunction with Tattersalls, in London.

Representatives of all these units to form the *Chamber of Com-*



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PARK ROW BUILDINGS—13 to 21 Park Row—Our highest Office Building.



*merce*, which was incorporated in 1770, and is the oldest commercial corporation in the United States.

Leaving the Produce Exchange we walk eastward through Beaver St., originally a canal, leading into the greater inlet which penetrated what is now Broad St. Opposite the Exchange is a handsome granite pile, which is the rear of the Welles building, whose still grander front of rose granite is at No. 18 Broadway. A cluster of Atlantic cable offices will attract attention. The narrow cross street is New, which leads northward to Wall. Its tall buildings are filled with commercial offices, and the sidewalks are crowded with "curbstone" brokers. The next street crossed is Broad, with the beautiful Morris building on the corner. Beaver St. suffers a "jog," and on the other side of Broad there comes suddenly into view ahead the great round front of yellow brick, and the conical red roof-tower of the Cotton Exchange, where all the dealings in cotton in the United States concentrate. Here William St. crosses and South William diverges; and on the wedge of land between the latter and Beaver is Delmonico's restaurant, occupying a fine new building that replaces the old one where the original of this famous restaurant was known for so many years. The opposite corner is covered by the splendid building of the Corn Exchange Bank; and the fourth corner by a third magnificent structure in gray stone, built and occupied by the Farmers' Loan & Trust Company. Beyond the Corn Exchange are seen the great *Post* building, and the new offices of the venerable *Journal of Commerce*, while northward Lords Court and the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railway offices carry the lofty line of walls to Exchange Pl. and the rear of the Custom House. All of this notable group of new buildings are very lofty, very costly, and very comely in architecture, while their structure and interior arrangements and finish are of the most modern and highly finished character. A few steps farther on we run out of Beaver St. into Pearl St. at the point where it crosses

**Wall Street.**—"In the neighborhood of old Ft. George, were clustered a number of the aristocratic families who, before the Revolution, had been accustomed to give the *pas* in fashion, such as the Delanceys, Livingstons, Morrises, Bayards, De Peysters, Crugers, but for some years Wall St., where abode the Winthrops, Whites, Ludlows, Verplancks, and Marstons, had been running an even race with Pearl, getting ahead in the end, and holding precedence till Park Pl. claimed the laurels. Cortlandt St. gained luster from the residence there of Sir John Temple, Colonel and Lady Kitty Duer, Major Fairlin, and Colonel and Mrs. Crawford, once Mrs. Robert



WALL STREET AND TRINITY CHURCH.

Livingston. In Wall St. was to be found the very desirable boarding house of Mrs. Daubenay, or Dabney, the great resort of Southern members of Congress. Broadway had been a pleasant bowery street until the great fire of 1776 swept through it, leaving desolation in its wake."

In the early Dutch days Pearl St. was the natural shore line (it owes its sinuosity to that fact—not to its having been a "cow-path" as the story goes) and an estuary penetrated the length of Broad St.

In 1652 the defenseless condition of the Dutch town led Governor Stuyvesant to prepare a fortified line of defense against a probable attack by Indians, not only, but from New England, where the English colonists were threatening the Dutch. A line of palisades was planted from river to river (Pearl to Greenwich Sts.), just above the head of the Heere Graft (Broad St. inlet), banked up with earth and having a broad space within cleared for the convenience of the defenders. This "wall" rapidly decayed, but was repaired from time to time, and after the capture of the city by the English in 1663 was substantially rebuilt and defended by stone bastions at the gates at Broadway and the East River, and by an "artillery mount" at William St. Meanwhile houses were built along the cleared space within the palisade. It finally was recognized as a street, naturally named *Wall*. Not until the beginning of the eighteenth century were any streets north of Wall laid out. All that tract was "Damen's farms," as far north as "the Maiden's Path" (Maiden Lane), which "was a very ancient road, . . . its course through a valley the easiest route of passage from the two great highways along the North and East River sides."

From the very first Wall St. became a choice thoroughfare in the growing town, where the best people lived, and it retained this character, with little business intermingled (except toward the foot of it, where the slave-market stood) until after the Revolution. "The financial institutions of the city became concentrated here gradually, having been first drawn to the locality and then kept there for some time by the fact that nearly all the government buildings stood on the street. The City Hall was here before its removal to its present site; so were the courts, and the first Congress of the United States after the adoption of the Constitution assembled in a building which covered the site of the present Sub-Treasury." Now the name stands not only for the assemblage of great financial institutions which line its quarter-mile, but for the whole body of dealings in money and securities that go on in New York under the lead of the Stock





C. GILBERT, Architect.

NEW CUSTOM HOUSE—Bowling Green (lower end of Broadway).





STATUE OF NATHAN HALE—City Hall Park.

Exchange; yet the offices of the manipulators of the largest and most influential of the financial operations credited to "Wall Street" are often several blocks away from that short avenue, whose paving stones might be replaced by gold bricks without exhausting the vaults of wealth and the world-wide resources the street represents.

Let us note a few of the sign-boards. The even numbers are on the right-hand (northern) side of the street as we saunter up toward Broadway. At the next corner below used to stand the Old Tontine Coffee House, and the Tontine commercial building is now a monument upon its site. At No. 80, just below Pearl St., is the Southern National Bank, and at No. 76 the Seamen's Bank for Savings. The Sampson building is at No. 65, and at 62 the New York branch of the Nevada Bank of San Francisco; but insurance offices almost exclusively occupy the numbers from 72 to 56, together with many offices opposite them. In the Brown Brothers' building at 59-61 are located, besides the offices of that distinguished firm of bankers, the New York branches of the Bank of Montreal, the Merchant's Bank of Canada, and the Stock Agency of the Canadian Pacific Ry. This brings us to Hanover St., and to the U. S. Custom House, which occupies the whole block on the south side of Wall between Hanover and William Sts.

**The Custom House** is a massive structure of granite, with an Ionic portico sustained by fluted pillars of granite, and reached by a broad flight of steps, which together make an imposing effect. The interior is one great rotunda, covered by a dome supported upon eight columns of Italian marble, whose Corinthian capitals were carved in Italy. This was the "floor" of the old Merchants' Exchange, for which the structure was originally prepared; and it is now filled with an inner and outer circle of desks, occupied by those clerks with whom the public has most business. A bridge across Exchange Pl. connects this rotunda with a second building where other offices are; but there is nothing of interest to a casual visitor to be seen beyond the rotunda.

Opposite the Custom House, at No. 54, is the lofty brick front of the Central Trust Company; at No. 52 are the City Bank, the Bank of British North America, financial agencies of several Northwestern railroad companies, the law offices of ex-Secretary Evarts and his partners, and several other important factors in commercial life. No. 50 is the abode of agencies for banks in China, and other large institutions. The Bank of America's big building across the street (No. 46) was completed in 1889, at a cost of \$1,500,000. Then follows a cluster of very striking buildings lately erected, grand in their architecture and magnificent in all their interior appointments, of which

the new Merchants and Manhattan Bank building is perhaps the most costly and imposing.

The nine-story building of the United States Trust Co., at 43-45, cost about \$700,000. No. 35 is the Wall St. wing of the great Mills building, erected some years ago by Senator D. O. Mills, one of the "silver kings" of California, at an expense of over \$4,000,000. It has frontages of 175 feet on Broad St., 150 feet on Exchange Pl., and 25 feet on Wall St., is ten stories in height, and has 330 rooms. The beautiful brown stone building opposite it (No. 36) is occupied by New England railways, etc. No. 29 is the old marble house of Drexel, Morgan & Co., and contains, besides the extensive offices of that firm, those of the Leather Bank. This brings us to the corner of Broad St., and into view just below on the left of the lofty double front of the Mills building, with its beautiful wrought-iron entrance, while on the right, the front of the Stock Exchange becomes conspicuous.

Opposite the head of Broad St., on the right-hand side of Wall St., stand the Assay Office and the Sub-Treasury of the United States.

**The Assay Office**, No. 30, is the oldest building in the street. It is of marble, and represents a handsome style, much in favor for public buildings a century ago. It is open to visitors from 2 to 4 p. m., and is well worth examination. "Every operation is here carried on that is done in the Mint, except the actual stamping of the money. In the front are the offices of the assayer, and the room where crude bullion is received and paid for; and in the six-story building at the rear it is assayed, refined, separated, and cast into bars. Gold and silver are here to be seen in great profusion, the former generally in bars weighing from 250 to 300 ounces, and worth from \$5,000 to \$6,000, and the latter in bars weighing about 200 ounces, and worth \$250. The gold which is used in the arts is generally in thick square plates, worth from \$100 to \$800. The most noticeable curiosities are the hydraulic press, by which a great quantity of silver is compressed into a round body not unlike a milk-pan; the crystallizing vats, where the metal is subjected to the action of powerful acids, and the melting-room, where at intervals the gold and silver are poured off. From twenty to one hundred millions of crude bullion are here received and assayed in the course of a year."

**The Sub-Treasury** is the large Doric building of granite extending from the Assay Office to Nassau St., and reaching through to Pine St. in the rear. It stands upon the site of the old Dutch City Hall and of the subsequent Federal buildings, where Washington was inaugurated first President of the United States, in 1789. The broad flight of steps is now broken by a pedestal bearing J. Q. A. Ward's colossal bronze statue of Washington Taking the Oath, which was paid for by popular subscription, and unveiled in 1883. This building was



first erected for the Custom House, but was long ago outgrown and remodeled for its present purpose. Within there is a rotunda 60 ft. in diameter, the dome being supported by 16 Corinthian columns. Around this rotunda are ranged the desks of the various divisions of the Sub-Treasury. There are two large vaults for the storage of gold coin and notes on this floor, and the large vaults for the storage of silver are in the basement. Near the Pine St. entrance are the two rooms devoted to the handling of gold and silver coin. More money is stored in this building than anywhere else in the country, except in the Treasury vaults at Washington, and the majority of the money paid out by the General Government is by drafts upon this Sub-Treasury.

The street at the side of the Sub-Treasury is Nassau, which runs straight north to City Hall Sq. In this lower part it is occupied wholly by banking and commercial concerns, as also is Pine St. in the rear of the Sub-Treasury, where many insurance companies and other large institutions are located. Farther on, Nassau St. is devoted largely to picture stores, shops for the sale



THE SUB-TREASURY.

of stationery and office supplies, and a great number of second-hand book-stores. At its upper end the lofty buildings are occupied principally by lawyers, and it finally merges into "Newspaper Square." It has lately acquired some very fine tall buildings, the most conspicuous and beautiful of which is that of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, filling the east side of the block between Liberty and Cedar Sts. The Sheldon building, on the corner of John St., and the bank of Commerce at Cedar St., are noteworthy.

Returning to Wall St., the latest new edifice is the narrow, twenty-



story Gillender building, partly occupied by the Manhattan Trust Company, at the corner of Wall and Nassau Sts., opposite the handsome Wilkes building. It was opened in May, 1897. Nos. 14-16 are covered by a wing of the Schermerhorn building, owned by the Astor family. It is full of business men.

**The New York Stock Exchange**, the oldest and most legitimate organization of brokers, own an estate at 10 Broad St., extending through to New St. In the interim their business is carried on at the Produce Exchange. No one but a member is allowed upon the floor, and when it is remembered that \$80,000 is paid for that privilege, the restriction is not to be wondered at. The hours are from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and members are forbidden to make any transactions except during those hours. The dealings are wholly in stocks, bonds, and other securities which have been recognized or "listed" by the Exchange. The most prominent of these are represented by name upon iron standards scattered about the floor, around which the selling and buying of those particular securities go on.

A younger organization with similar purposes is

**The Consolidated Petroleum and Stock Exchange**, which has occupied since April, 1888, a noble building with large accommodations for business, at the corner of Broadway and Exchange Pl. It arose from a consolidation of various boards dealing in oil, mining and general securities, and began operations in 1875. It now does nearly as much business as the older board, and the scene from its gallery (the entrance to which is on Broadway) is often even more animated, since the stocks and bonds of oil and mining corporations are more fluctuating than those of railway and telegraph companies.

**The New Bank Clearing House**, in Cedar St., a few doors east of Broadway, first occupied in January, 1896, is of marble, carved in all the profusion of the Italian renaissance, its window spaces set off by Corinthian pillars, and surmounted by an entablature bearing carvings of the arms of the city and other designs. This is, in many respects, the most beautiful building in New York. The rooms of the Clearing House Association, composed now of sixty-six banks, are on the upper floor beneath the skylighted dome. The ground floor is occupied by the Chase National Bank, whose offices are finished in marbles, gilded stucco, and artistic metal work. The great steel safe in the basement is made to hold 210 tons of gold, or about \$105,000,000 in coin.

No. 10 Wall St., at the head of New St., is the splendid Astor building, on the site of the First Presbyterian Church. The grand new yellow brick structure opposite (Nos. 9-11) is the Mortimer building. This brings us to the corner of Broadway, where rise the massive walls of the United Bank building. Here are the rooms of its joint



NEW "NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE" BUILDING.

owners, the First National Bank and the Bank of the Republic; o several private banking firms, and of Southern and Western railways; and here General Grant had his offices during his brief and ill-fated career in the "street."

### *Up Broadway to the City Hall.*

Some of the noblest and costliest business structures in the city stand on Broadway below Wall St. At No. 1 is the exceedingly lofty Washington building (p. 94). Nos. 5 to 11 are now covered by the Bowling Green offices, a Hellenic-renaissance, light-colored, sixteen-story building surrounding an open court. Its façade, 235 feet high, is one of the most massive and imposing in the city; and its doorways and details as well as its structure have an architectural excellence worthy of careful examination. This edifice and the ground it stands on (about 160 by 190 feet) are valued at \$3,600,000. At No. 18, next above the Produce Exchange, the grand front of the Welles building appears. No. 26 is covered by the massive structure of the Standard Oil Company, and No. 29 by the ornate Columbia. At No. 45 the richly carved façade and antique entrance of Aldrich Court will be admired, and the Consolidated Exchange is nearly opposite. Covering the numbers 64-68 is the lately erected home of the Manhattan Life Ins. Co., a double building of white sandstone, fronting on both Broadway and New St., connected at the roof by a flying arch, and surmounted by a cupola containing the office of the U. S. Weather Bureau. In its rear rise the equally lofty domes of the Commercial Cable building, extending from New to Broad St.

The dignified granite home of the Union Trust Company at No. 80, and the Tower at No. 50, are conspicuous buildings; the last named stands on a lot only 22 ft. wide, yet it runs up to 13 stories (167 ft.) and contains 120 offices. All of these, like most of those mentioned heretofore, are new, architecturally imposing, splendidly fitted within, and return a fair rate of interest upon the investment.

This brings us to Trinity Church, surrounded by its historic churchyard and looking straight down Wall St.

"Where Jews and Gentiles most are wont  
To throng for trade and last quotations—  
Where, hour by hour, the rates of gold  
Outrival in the ears of people,  
The quarter-chimes serenely told  
From Trinity's undaunted steeple."

But this noble house of worship is fully described in the chapter on



THE CITY HALL, NEW YORK — In City Hall Park, between Broadway and Park Row, opposite Murry Street.



Churches and need not be repainted here, further than to say that the churchyard and the church itself are open at all suitable hours to visitors. The climbing of the steeple used to be one of the "things to do," but now an equally good view of the city may be had from the roofs of the Washington or Equitable buildings, or from the tower of the Produce Exchange, to each of which the visitor is carried by an elevator. The yellow office building north of the churchyard was erected by the trustees of the property; and the magnificent Empire Building, on the south, was built in 1898 on the site of the building where Russell Sage had his famous adventure with dynamite.

*The American Surety Company's building*, at Broadway and Pine St., is one of the loftiest commercial edifices, 307 feet above the pavement and having twenty-one fire-proof floors, in addition to basements. The building was designed by Bruce Price; the site is nearly square, and the foundation extends seventy-two feet below the street. The street façades are of granite and the rear walls of brick to the height of the fifteenth story, from which point granite is wholly used for facing all walls. The building contains about 500 offices. Express elevators run to the upper floors, and other cars give access to all floors. Just above is the Boreel building (No. 119), largely occupied by insurance companies, and directly across the way, at No. 120, rises the palatial home of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, known far and wide as the Equitable building.

**The Equitable.**—This towering and sumptuous structure should not be neglected by the sight-seer. Its broad ground-floor corridor runs straight through to Nassau St., and forms a brilliant arcade, paved, walled, and adorned with vari-colored marbles, and illuminated by electricity, along which elegant little shops and restaurants are arranged. The letter chute and pneumatic despatch tubes on this floor should be looked at, too. In the basement are a grand array of hydraulic pumps and other machinery, and the largest electric lighting plant in the city devoted to a single establishment. Taking any one of the several elevators the visitor may be carried to the top story and ascend to the roof, where an extensive view of the city is obtained—a pleasure which no one ought to forego.

Liberty St., one of the few that cross lower Broadway, and which is devoted largely to machinery depots; Cortlandt St., leading down to the Jersey City ferry; Maiden Lane, the abode of jewelers, dealers in diamonds and gems, and the makers of instruments of precision; Dey St., with the Western Union Telegraph Company's building on the corner, and John St., opening eastward, are crossed in succession as one walks on up Broadway. Out from the mass of

these streets rise certain very lofty and beautiful new buildings, of which that of the Lawyer's Title Insurance Company, running through from 44 Maiden Lane to Liberty St., is especially noteworthy, particularly for the graceful finish of its roof and the carving on its northern façade. The Downing building, at 106-8 Fulton St., ought also to be noticed. The tall new building at John and Broadway, owned by the Corbin estate, is occupied by the Long Island R. R. Co., the Chatham and Corbin banks, etc.

This brings us to Fulton St. named in honor of the man, who, if not wholly the originator, was certainly the practical inventor of the steamboat. It is an extremely busy street, all the way down to Fulton Market on one side, and to Washington Market on the other. The lofty home of *The Evening Post*, erected by William Cullen Bryant and his partners, stands upon the southeast corner, and begins the long catalogue of newspapers which congregate between here and the Brooklyn Bridge. The highly ornamented, tower-like building of *The Mail and Express* stands opposite, with its larger face on Fulton St. The opposite block is occupied by old St. Paul's and its churchyard, and the Astor House (see *HOTELS*) fills the succeeding block. The Ann St. corner, where the *Herald* once stood, now supports the tall and ugly St. Paul's building finished in 1897.

Here, at the parting of the ways, the motley pile of the **Post Office** rears its huge bulk, with the **City Hall** in its rear. Broadway stretches northward west of it; to the right Park Row leads off at an angle toward Chatham Sq. and the Bowery. The rush and turmoil of traffic here are indescribable. At the very beginning of Park Row has risen one of the tallest business buildings of the city, called the Park Row, thirty-three stories in height. The old buildings beyond are covered with the signboards of newspapers known all over the country. Beekman St. (named from that old farmer and tanner who owned all this region, and the "swamp" besides, long decades ago, and founded one of the wealthiest of Knickerbocker families) strikes across Park Row, passes (by Mail St.) to Broadway and continues, under the name of Park Pl., westward to North River. A few doors down Beekman is Temple Ct., the home of the Nassau Bank and of countless lawyers. On the other side of Beekman the iron and stone mass of the Potter building rises skyward, and next beyond, covering the point between Park Row and Nassau St., is the old *Times* building, beautiful in architecture and notable in its construction.



At the head of Nassau St., and just across from City Hall Park, is **Printing House Square**, an open, paved space in the center of which stands a statue of Benjamin Franklin, erected in 1872, after the design of Plassman and at the expense of Captain De Groot, formerly a steamboat commander on the Hudson; while Ward's statue of Horace Greeley is just in front of *The Tribune*. Around this limited space, within easy hail of one another, are published the *Daily Tribune*, *Sun*, *Journal*, *World*, *Press*, *News*, and *Staats Zeitung*, while several other daily and weekly newspapers in foreign languages are issued within a quarter of a mile. Here is the newspaper center of New York; and these precincts are hardly less wide-awake and active at midnight than at midday. The cupola of the *World* building is open to visitors daily from 9 to 1. A notable addition to this towering group is the Tract Society's new building, east of Nassau St., 24 stories in height, and framed of steel.

Here is the entrance to the *Brooklyn Bridge* (see page 32), and, if this is your only opportunity to inspect the structure, it would be well to walk out a few hundred feet upon the promenade; or better yet, spare 15 minutes for a trip across it in the cars and return.

### *In and Around the City Hall.*

This little spot of green, three-quarters of a mile above the Battery, which is called *City Hall Square*, and the fine building in its center, are interesting, not only as the place where the government of the city is conducted, but historically and architecturally.

The *Statue to Nathan Hale* should not be overlooked. It is of bronze, by McMonnies, and stands in the southwest corner of the park, facing Broadway; and it is one of the most spirited and satisfactory statues in the city. It represents him ready for his heroic death.

The *Hall of Records*, which cost \$600,000 to build, will be seen at the corner of Chambers and Center Sts. The surrounding park is all that is left of the ancient Commons, which extended northward to the "Collect" or pond, beyond Duane St., where the Tombs now rears its grim quadrangle. Here stood the old "bridewell," the almshouse, the "new" jail, and a gibbet, all near Chambers St., and all of which long ago disappeared. The rapid growth of the town after the close of the Revolution made it expedient to abandon the old City Hall in Wall St., and to erect a newer and larger one, which, as public opinion decreed had to be placed in the Commons.



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BROADWAY—Looking North from the Post Office.



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The plans of architect John McComb were accepted in 1803, but it was not until 1812 that the building was really complete. The total expenditure upon it was less than \$500,000. Marble was used for the front and ends; but no one urged anything better than brown-stone for the rear, since it was not supposed that anybody of any consequence would ever live north of this spot. In 1858 a spark from the fireworks, displayed from the roof at the celebration of the successful laying of the first Atlantic cable, set fire to the beautiful cupola, which was destroyed, and the low dome over the rotunda was damaged. These were clumsily replaced. A picture of the hall previous to that time, and of the architect's drawing of the cupola, may be found in *The Century* for April, 1884, adorning an article upon this building, in respect to which the writer, Mr. Ed. S. Wilde, remarks:

"Notwithstanding this change, and the damage done less by time than by stupidity, the hall stands to-day unsurpassed by any structure of the kind in the country. The design is pure. No pains or research was spared. The capitals of the first [Ionic] and second [Corinthian] orders are marvels of execution. . . . The classic detail throughout is admirably wrought. . . . The principal elevations were undoubtedly those of Inigo Jones's design for the palace at Whitehall, of which only the Banqueting House was built."

**The City Government** has its central administration in this building, where are the offices of the Mayor, President of the Borough of Manhattan, City Clerk, and some other functionaries, and the meeting rooms of the Council and Board of Aldermen. Various municipal departments and bureaus have their offices elsewhere, but arrangements are making for the construction of a new city building opposite the northeast corner of the park. There is little to be seen inside the City Hall except the historic objects and paintings, mainly on public exhibition in the Governor's Room.

*The Mayor's Office* occupies the southeast corner of the building on the ground floor, and contains one of the most valuable of the city's works of art—the large full-length portrait of Lafayette, painted by Prof. S. F. B. Morse, afterwards inventor of the telegraph, during Lafayette's famous visit to the United States in 1825; portraits of Mayors Paulding and Allen by Morse are also in this room, together with those of Fernando Wood, Phillip Hone, Kingsland, and other mayors, by Vanderlyn, Elliott, Inman, and other painters. The picture of Washington and his horse, hanging in the city clerk's office, is unsigned, but is believed to be a poor specimen of Major John Trumbull's work.

The fine circular stairways in the rotunda are overlooked by the painted plaster original, presented in 1834 by Commodore Uriah

P. Levy, U. S. N., of David d'Angers's statue of Thomas Jefferson, the bronze replica of which is in the National Capitol. Immediately opposite the head of the stairway is the entrance to the Governor's Room, a stately apartment stretching along the front of the building, intended and formerly used for civic banquets and ceremonial occasions, and the scene of some of the most noted social incidents in the early history of the municipality. The old-fashioned furniture, including relics from a dignified past, make the room stately; and its walls are hung with full-length portraits of governors of the State and national heroes, many of which are fine examples of American art.

The equestrian "Washington" here is by John Trumbull, after a small original (now in Baltimore), and was made in pursuance to a resolution in 1790 by the Common Council, "that the President of the United States be requested to permit Mr. Trumbull to take his portrait, to be placed in the City Hall, as a monument of the respect which the inhabitants of the city bear towards him." Trumbull assures us in his Autobiography that "every part of the detail of the dress, horse, furniture, etc., as well as the scenery, was accurately copied from the real objects." The full-length of Gov. George Clinton, as he appeared at Fort Montgomery, is also by Trumbull, was painted in 1791, and has been pronounced by critics the best example extant of Trumbull's method. The same painter did the portrait of Alexander Hamilton (1804); the splendid picture of Gov. Morgan Lewis, in his uniform as a major-general in the war of 1812; probably that of John Jay, and some others. Among others of the older painters represented in this room, or elsewhere in the city's art collection (scattered through the municipal offices), are John Vanderlyn, Thomas Sully, Henry Peters Gray, George Catlin (the Indian painter), William Page, C. W. Jarvis, Thomas Hicks, and Henry Inman. Of more recent artists, the best known is Daniel Huntington, a good example of whose work is the portrait of Governor Morgan. An interesting relic here, old and carefully painted, but of unknown history, is the head of Peter Stuyvesant. Two other ancient and noted pictures belonging to the city are hung in the office of the water register, in the Tract Society's building; these are, a portrait of Hendrik Hudson, of unrecorded history, and one claimed to be that of Christopher Columbus, a copy of a picture painted in 1459, when Columbus was 23 years of age. The municipality owns many other portraits of distinguished men, which are scattered about various offices, and of which no authentic catalogue exists.

*Historic Objects* in the Governor's Room include the punch-bowl presented to the city by Gen. Jacob Morton in 1812, upon which are printed views of the commercial aspect of the city of that day and an unnecessary injunction to the "corporation" to "Drink deep;" a bust of De Witt Clinton; battle flags of the Civil War; and a desk used by Washington, and other furniture brought from the original State House in Wall St.



*The Aldermanic Chamber* is a large room on this floor at the eastern end of the building, which has no ornaments worth attention, but which has a public gallery whence the often spicy "debates" of the City Fathers may be listened to. At the western end is the Chamber formerly devoted to the *Council*, a very handsome room adorned by portraits of Presidents Monroe, Jackson, and Taylor, by Vanderlyn, and of Fillmore, Clay, and Jefferson, by C. W. Jarvis.

**The County of New York** was formerly coextensive with the city, but was abolished by the charter of the city in 1897. Its offices and courts were in the *Court House*, the marble building facing Chambers St., in the rear of the City Hall, whose erection was the occasion of much of the fraud and speculation on the part of the "Tweed Ring," the investigation of which caused the downfall of that corrupt coterie of politicians in 1870. Here sit the various County Courts, several parts of the Supreme Court, and the Surrogate's Court. Other civil tribunals have quarters elsewhere.

*The Criminal Courts* have now a great building to themselves on Center St., connected with the Tombs Prison by an elevated and inclosed passageway spanning Franklin St., usually spoken of as the "Bridge of Sighs."

This building is a handsome renaissance edifice of stone, red brick, and terra cotta, whose interior court is elaborately ornamented with carved marble and bronze. It contains not only courts, but the offices of the Streets Department and some other bureaus. Its interest to the visitor is confined, however, to the *mural paintings* of *Edward Simmons*, in the room of the Supreme Court, Trial Term, Part I, in the northeast corner, on the first floor. These are magnificent color-drawings covering the wall behind the judicial bench. The central one is America offering justice to the world; it is said that the countenances are those of the artist's wife and children. On the right are the Three Fates—Clotho (youth), on the right, spins the thread of life from her distaff; Lachesis (middle age) twists and measures it in her hands; and aged Atropos cuts it off at death's appointed time. The panel on the left is devoted to three male figures—Brotherhood uniting Science to Freedom. The drawing is powerful, and the use of color, especially the management of the white drapery, is exceedingly strong and admirable. They were made in 1895, under the direction of the Municipal Art Commission, which now controls all matters relating to the embellishment of the public buildings, the acceptance by the city of statues, etc.



**The Tombs** is a nickname of the city prison, suggested long ago by the gloomy architecture, which made it for many years one of the landmarks of the city. In 1898 it was rebuilt into a greatly enlarged form, but nothing remains of its picturesque exterior, which was perhaps the best example of Egyptian style in the country. This prison occupies the entire block bounded by Center St. on the east, Elm St. on the west, Leonard St. on the south, and Franklin St. on the north, but its really grand proportions are dwarfed by its situation in a hollow. The site was formerly occupied by the Collect, a sheet of water connected with the Hudson River by a strip of swamp called Lispenard's Meadows (whence the name of Lispenard St.), through which ran a little rivulet, afterwards enlarged into a barge-canal, on a line with the present Canal St., which derives its name from this circumstance. "This canal," says Lossing, "was spanned at the junction of Broadway and Canal St. by an arched stone bridge which was subsequently buried when the ground was heightened by filling in and the canal disappeared." This filling in was the first public improvement undertaken at the close of the Revolution; the City Hall was then just rising and no buildings stood between its rear and the tanneries which bordered the swamp, where in winter merry parties went skating, and where, a little later, Fulton tested the models of his steamboat. The prison now covers the site of the pre-revolutionary gibbet, which was planted on a small island, and therefore stands upon ground long dedicated to the hangman's use.

Internally the prison is rather a series of buildings than a single structure. The cells rise in tiers one above the other, with a separate corridor for each row. Besides those awaiting trial in the Special Sessions and Magistrates' Courts, persons accused or convicted of the more heinous crimes are kept here until they have been tried before the higher courts, or until they depart for the State Prison.

### *Up Broadway and Across to Second Avenue.*

Having completed our sight-seeing in and around the City Hall, let us now take a car on Broadway and ride up the central part of that great thoroughfare. A short time ago the buildings here would have called for little notice, much less, admiration; but within two years this part of the famous street has been adorned by some of the finest of the tall commercial structures which are making a towering new New York. The magnificent

homes of the Postal Telegraph and Home Insurance companies, together filling the block between Murray and Warren Sts., have already been spoken of. Other very notable ones, farther up the street, are the buildings of the Shoe & Leather Bank, corner of Chambers; of the Mutual Reserve Fund, corner of Duane; and the colossal structure of the New York Life Insurance Company at Worth St. Many, less in size, are handsome bits of architecture and a great improvement, outside and inside, over the past.

We traverse the wholesale district nearly all the way and pass a long line of railway offices and miscellaneous agencies, as well as many retail stores; while here and there a hotel, like the Broadway Central (the old Metropolitan is gone) attracts attention. Many widely-known names will be observed upon the signs, but a more noticeable feature of this—the dry goods and importing—district is the prevalence of foreign names. At East 4th St. we stop the car, and getting off, walk to the right (one block) into Lafayette Pl., a spacious street extending from Great Jones (E. 3d) St. to Astor Pl.; in 1899 it was opened southward by a new street, and made continuous with the widened and extended Elm St. The great brick structure at the foot of the Place is a Roman Catholic home for street-boys, called the *Mission of the Immaculate Virgin*. It grew out of the unselfish labors of a priest, Father Drumgoole, whose statue, in bronze and of heroic size, stands at the corner of the building. It is said to contain a miraculous well-spring.

On the next corner (E. 4th St.) the De Vinne Press is conspicuous; there is where *The Century* and *St. Nicholas*, and the fine publications of the Grolier Club are printed. Diagonally opposite gleams the yellow and white Gothic *Diocesan House* of the Episcopal Church; and the long line of Corinthian pillars beyond it mark Colonnade Row, the early home of the Astors and other great families of old New York. This is all that is left of the fine houses which a few years ago filled this quiet side street; but the massive brick and brown stone facade of the **Astor Library** still remains conspicuous, and a moment should be spared by the tourist to enter and inspect its halls, its collection of portraits, of busts of ancient heroes and sages, and the enormous amount of literature displayed in the cases that line its walls.

This brings us to the head of the Place, where the convergence of Astor Pl. and 8th St. forms an opening, where, not so many years ago, was the southern boundary fence of the farm of Capt. Richard



Randall, the founder of the Sailor's Snug Harbor on Staten Island. At the time of his death, in 1801, the large farm here, and his well known octagonal house, were valued at about \$40,000; this endowment was so invested as now to be worth about \$15,000,000. Upon the wedge between Astor Pl. and 8th St., now occupied by the tall and handsome new structure of the *Mercantile Library*, stood until 1890 a noble brick structure called Clinton Hall. It was built as a theater, half a century ago; and at its doors in May, 1849, occurred the Astor Pl. riot, precipitated by the rivalry between the American actor, Forrest, and the English actor, Macready, which resulted in a mobbing of the latter's company and friends at the close of a performance. The very ungraceful statue in front of Clinton Hall was erected by the postmen of the city to the Hon. S. S. ("Sunset") Cox, as a memorial of his championship of their claims before Congress; but, unhappily, their gratitude was not accompanied by artistic judgment. Many electric cars start in Astor Place for the Fourth Avenue and Second Avenue lines.

Let us now turn to the right and walk eastward toward Second Av. Fourth Av. is at once encountered, looking down which to the right the upper end of the Bowery is seen. On the point of land opposite, between the divergence of Fourth and Third Aves. from the Bowery, is the pile of brown stone sheltering the schools and reading rooms of the *Cooper Union*, for which a moment may be spared (see p. 183). In front of this building, facing down the Bowery, stands a bronze sitting monument to Peter Cooper, modeled by Augustus St. Gaudens, and erected in 1897. Opposite the rear of the Union is the Bible House (see p. 173).

Continuing along 8th St., we cross Third Av. underneath its elevated railway (9th St. station) and walk on past the short Stuyvesant Pl., which takes its name from that old Knickerbocker, the last of the Dutch governors. He owned the lands hereabout, lived in a big stone farmhouse on the Bowery, and was buried in 1671 at his chapel, just beyond, upon the site of which now stands *St. Mark's Church* (elsewhere described) within a green plat at the corner of 8th St. and Second Av. The large modern church beyond, facing us across the street as we come to Second Av., is the *Baptist Tabernacle*, whose latest pastor was the pugnacious Dr. Potter.



GANSEVOORT MARKET.—West and Washington Streets, Gansevoort to Little Twelfth Street.



**Stuyvesant Square and Gramercy Park.**

We now turn up *Second Av.* and find ourselves in a handsome thoroughfare, the houses along which (in this part) are almost wholly occupied by wealthy and influential Germans. On the corner of 11th St. the building of the *N. Y. Historical Society* will be noticed, and two blocks further the *N. Y. Eye and Ear Infirmary*. At the left-hand corner of 14th St. stands the old Fourteenth Street Presbyterian Church. The house of ex-Senator William M. Evarts is at No. 231, on the opposite corner; and at 15th St., we find the beautiful *Stuyvesant Square*, occupying the space of four blocks, filled with fine old trees, and surrounded by elegant residences. This was a part of the Stuyvesant property, and its west side is bounded by Rutherford Pl., keeping the name of another old family, whose descendants dwell near by. The double-towered church overlooking the square is *St. George's* (Prot. Epis.) which is said to have the largest seating capacity of any church in the city except the R. C. Cathedral. Beside it are the Rutherford Pl. *Friends' Meeting House* and school (Quaker)—plain brick structures without steeples or ornament. On this square remain many old New York families—the Fishs, Stuyvesants, De Voes, Rutherfords, and others. It is a charming dwelling place.

Above Stuyvesant Sq. *Second Av.* grows more business-like; and leaving it we turn eastward and walk through *E. 20th St.*, which in this block is mainly given up to private stables. We re-cross Third Av. under its "L" road, and presently come to the fashionable seclusion of Gramercy Park.

**Gramercy Park**, whose name commemorates the old Gramercy farm, is the property of the owners of the surrounding property, and its privileges go with their title-deeds. Its gates are opened only by these proprietors, and its pleasant walks are reserved for the nurses and children of the neighboring families. Here dwells an aristocratic colony of old and wealthy families, who have thus far withstood the advance of the commercial tide northward, among whom are many well-known persons. On this 20th St. side, at Nos. 116-118 was the home of the late Governor Samuel J. Tilden, a palace among palaces. Next to it, at No. 120, is the club-house of *The Players*, described under CLUBS. Other residences are those of the late Cyrus W. Field, to whom we owe the Atlantic cables, and of the late David Dudley Field, the eminent jurist; of Mrs. Courtlandt Palmer, at whose house, during the life of her husband, the Nineteenth Century Club was wont to meet; of John Bigelow, Abram Hewitt, and the Coopers; of William Steinway, of piano fame, Nicholas Fish,



Aquarium.

Liberty.

Steamer "Shady Hook."

Fireboat Station.

Ellis Island.  
Lockway Station.

# BATTERY PARK AND THE UPPER BAY.

Brander Mathews, the dramatist, Joseph Howard, of newspaper repute, and many professional men. Irving Pl. abuts upon the south side of the Square, and is continued northward from it to Harlem as Lexington Av.

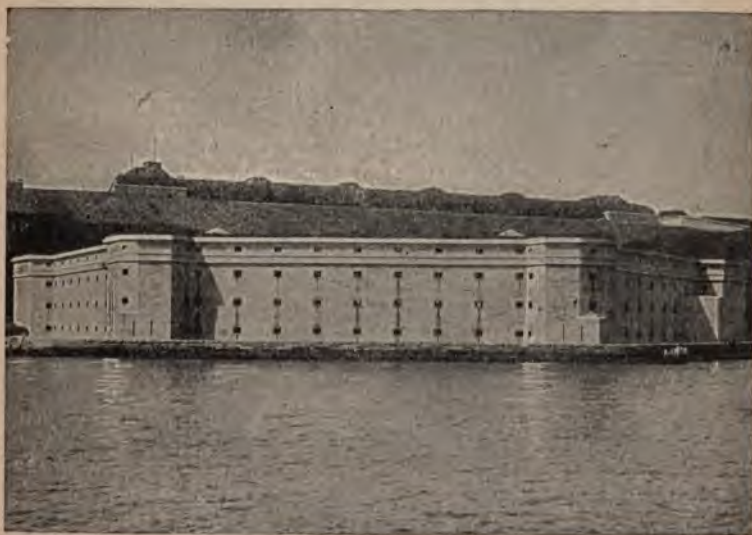
### *Union Square and Central Broadway.*

Let us walk on through E. 20th St., as far as Fourth Av. On this corner stands the red-and-white *Church of All Souls*, where Doctor Bellows used to preach, and at 18th St. the immense Florence—the largest of the down-town apartment houses, and one of the most elegant. One block more and we reach

**Union Square.**—We enter it at its quietest (northeast) corner, where E. 17th St. crosses Fourth Av. The Everett House is on our right, and the Clarendon Hotel on the left. The Westminster is one block east, corner of 16th St. and Irving Pl. A broad paved space, called The Plaza, borders this northern side, and may be illuminated at night by the picturesque row of lamps along the curbing. Here military parades and out-door meetings, especially those called by labor agitators, often occur, and in summer a *flower market* is held here every morning from 5 to 8 o'clock. Overlooking this plaza are the windows of *The Century* and *St. Nicholas* editorial rooms. The Square itself is an oval park of three acres or so, shaded by large trees and ornamented by a handsome fountain and statues. On the Fourth Av. side are a row of hotels, restaurants, and shops. South of the Square runs the busy line of 14th St.—where Keith's Theater and several fine shops are conspicuous. Here, in the midst of a paved space, stands the fine equestrian statue of George Washington. It is of heroic size, was modeled by Mr. H. K. Browne, and originally stood on the ground now covered by the Cooper Union.

Straight against the southern end of the square breaks the whole traffic-current of Broadway, to swerve to the west of it ("Dead Man's Curve") and sweep along its farther side, where 14th St. adds its quota. Here, where the crowd is densest, has been placed H. K. Browne's bronze statue of Abraham Lincoln, seated in the chair of state with the emancipation proclamation in his hand. It was erected by popular subscription soon after Lincoln's assassination. Facing down Broadway stands the life-size figure of Lafayette, which was designed by Bartholdi, the sculptor of the Liberty statue in the harbor and erected in 1876.





FORT WADSWORTH, STATEN ISLAND.

### *A Trip Down the Bay.*

New York Bay is roughly lozenge-shaped, stretching into the Hudson and East rivers at its northern end, and reaching its southern point out through the Narrows into the Lower Bay, which is a broad indentation from the Atlantic, protected by Sandy Hook and the Bar, which form a north-and-south barrier stretching from New Jersey to Long Island. The mass of Staten Island, reaching to within a mile of Long Island at the Narrows, divides the Lower from the Upper Bay, the latter of which is the Harbor, properly speaking. South of Staten Island is Raritan Bay, and between it and the New Jersey mainland winds the narrow tide-channel called Staten Island Sound, or the Arthur Kills. A glance at the map will make this plain.

**Tour of the Harbor.**— Emerging from either river into the harbor, the Battery, and Governor's Island are quickly left behind, and the massive commercial and office buildings at the lower end of the city group themselves into a magnificent mountain of stately architecture, supporting banners of sun-gilded steam and smoke, and





HERALD SQUARE—Looking North up Broadway.

# RESIDENCES, CLUBS, HOTELS, etc., on Fifth Avenue, starting from Eighth Street.

Street. No.	West Side.	Street. No.	East Side.
8			Hotel Lafayette-Brevoort.
10	Church of the Ascension.		Hotel Grosvenor.
11	First Presbyterian.		
15	The New York Hospital.		Hotel Kensington.
16	Judge Building.		
18	Chickering Hall.		Constable Building.
20	Methodist Book Concern.		
20	Presbyterian Building.		
24	Fifth Avenue Hotel.		Seward Statue.
24	Albemarle Hotel.		
24	Hoffman House.		Madison Square.
25	Worth Monument.		
26	Martin's.		Farragut Statue.
27	Victoria Hotel.		Hotel Brunswick (Bldg.).
29	Marble Collegiate Church.		
30	Holland House.		
33	Hotel Cambridge.		
	Waldorf-Astoria.		Calumet Club.
34	Knickerbocker Trust.		
35	New York Club.		
37	374 Engineers' Club.		Tiffany Building.
39	Brick Church.		Union League Club.
42	New York Library.		Grand Central Station.
43	Hotel Renaissance.		Temple Emanu-El.
44	Sherry's.		Delmonico's.
		549	Lorraine Apartments.
		551	Gen. Thos. T. Eckert.
46	558 Lotos Club.		Church of the Heavenly Rest.
47			Windsor Arcade.
48	Collegiate Reformed.	579	Miss Helen Gould.
		593	Robert Goetz.
49	608 Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr.	597	Mrs. Roswell P. Flower.
		611	The Belgravia.
50	624 William Ziegler.	617	Democratic Club.
50	632 Russell Sage.		The Buckingham.
	634 D. O. Mills.		St. Patrick's Cathedral.
51	640 George Vanderbilt.		Union Club.
52	642 William D. Sloane.		
52	660 William K. Vanderbilt.		
	670 Frederick Gallatin.		
53	St. Thomas's Church.	673	Jas. T. Pyle.
		677	O. H. P. Belmont.
54	680 Dr. W. Seward Webb.	681	Ex-Gov. Levi P. Morton.
54	684 H. McKim Twombly.		
	University Club.	689	Wm. Rockefeller.
	J. D. Rockefeller—13 W. 54th St.	693	Mrs. Calvin S. Brice.
55	Fifth Av. Presbyterian Church.		Hotel St. Regis.
57	720 Edwin Gould.		
57	Harry Payne Whitney.		Mrs. C. F. Huntington.
	Mrs. C. Vanderbilt.		Herman Oelrichs.
58	Plaza Hotel.	745	Wm. E. Iselin.
59	Scholars' Gate of Park.		Hotel Savoy.
			Hotel Netherland.

## RESIDENCES, etc., above Fifty-ninth Street, facing Central Park.

Street. No.	West Side.	Street. No.	East Side.
60	Van Norden Trust Co.	68	Isaac Stern.
61	Metropolitan Club.	864	Charles T. Yerkes.
	Elbridge T. Gerry.	871	Miss Whitney.
62	804 W. E. Roosevelt.	69	874 Mrs. John H. Inman.
	W. L. Bull.	879	Ogden Mills.
63	807 Mrs. W. F. Schmid.	880	Mrs. Davis Dows.
	Clarence Postley.	70	881 Heber Bishop.
	James B. Haggin.	883	John T. Sloane.
64	Howard Gould.	884	Mrs. Martha T. Flske.
	824 Mrs. J. P. Kernochan.		Lenox Library.
	825 Wm. V. Brokaw.	72	908 James A. Burden.
	826 H. Bramhall Gilbert.	74	927 Pickhardt House.
	827 E. J. Berwynd.	76	Temple Beth-El.
	829 George Crocker.	77	931 James D. Laving.
65	830 H. Knickerbocker.		Senator W. A. Clark.
	834 Frank Jay Gould.	78	962 R. A. Robbins.
	836 Isidor Wormser, Sr.		963 C. F. Dietrich.
	838 W. Watts Sherman.		964 Geo. H. Butler.
	840 Col. John Jacob Astor.		H. H. Cook.
	842 Mrs. William Astor.	79	Isaac V. Brokaw.
66	846 Dr. Andrew J. White.	82	Art Museum.
	Henry O. Havemeyer.	85	1045 R. Starr Dana.
67	852 Col. Oliver H. Payne.	86	1055 Gen. O. H. T. Collis.
	853 George Kidd.	89	Dr. J. J. Lawrence.
	856 H. O. Armour.	90	Andrew Carnegie.



LIBERTY ENLIGHTENING THE WORLD—Bedloe's Island, New York Bay.  
Statue by Bartholdi.



## VII.

### A RAMBLE AT NIGHT.

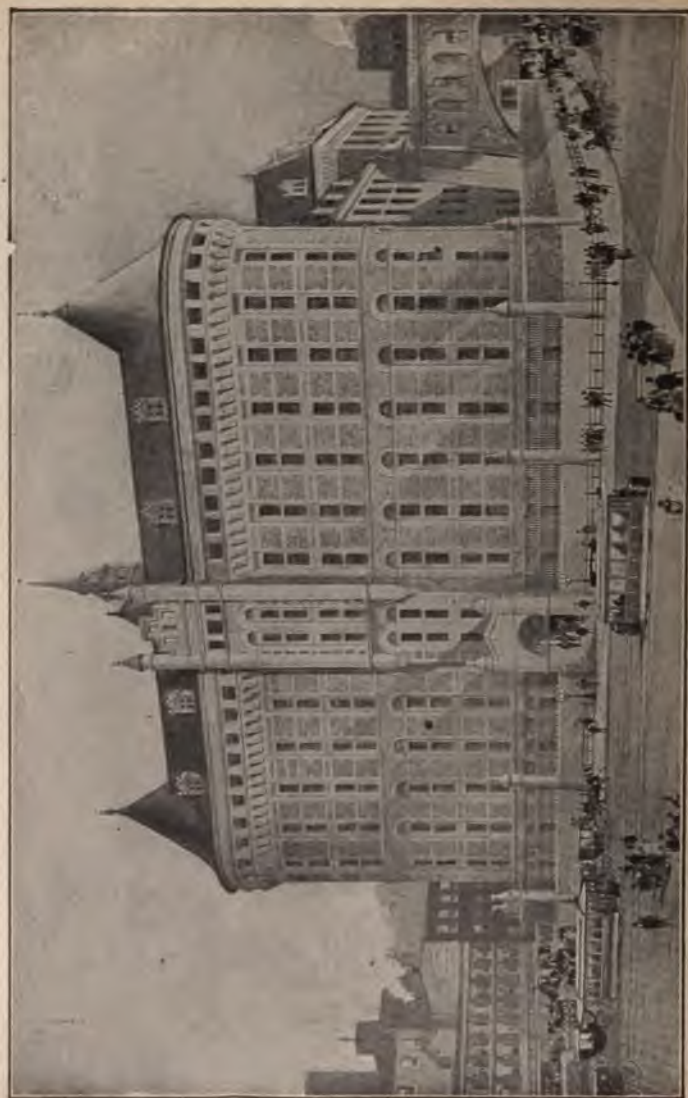
Some suggestions as to a good route for a nocturnal ramble, and the sort of thing a person may expect to see, may be useful. If you are in search of evil, in order to take part in it—don't look here for guidance. This book merely proposes to give some hints as how the dark, crowded, hard-working, and sometimes criminal portions of the city look at night.

Supposing that you start from an uptown hotel, say at 9 o'clock, a good plan would be to take the Sixth Av. El. Ry. to Bleecker St. station. This is a shady corner, in more senses than one. The *junction of Bleecker and South Fifth Av.* is quite roofed over by the elevated station and tracks, and the latter street is one of the most poorly lighted in town; moreover the locality is largely inhabited by negroes, mainly of a very low class, becoming still more low and vicious as you go down Sullivan and Thompson Sts., below Bleecker; and a large proportion of the white residents, American, Italian, French, and Irish, are fond of shady places and shady ways. Wander about these gloomy blocks a bit, if you like, but keep your eyes open—not so wide, however, as would be advisable four or five hours later. East of South Fifth Av., Bleecker St. is brighter, and there are several queer little French and Italian restaurants. Fifty years ago this street was the height of fashion, and the doorplates of the fine old houses, many of which yet remain in melancholy dirt and ruin, bore names now counted high up on Fifth or Madison avenues. But great business houses are rising year by year on their sites, and even the devil is being ousted from all this evil part of town by commerce and manufactures. The huge and handsome Mills Hotel No. 1 stands here. Wooster and Green Sts., next east of South Fifth Av., which twenty years ago were infamous, are now walled in by huge factories and commercial buildings.

Two blocks further on we come to Broadway, quiet and gloomy here, since almost every store is closed at 6. We cross it and walk one block east to the head of Mulberry St., just beyond which are the rooms of two street missions, one of which, the *Florence Mission*, is widely known for its work among the women of the street.

Turning down Mulberry we pass the solemn, white front of *Police*





NEW CITY PRISON—Center and Elm Streets.

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*Headquarters*, whose two green lanterns, erect and firm before the door, are no more watchful than the power within, with its hand on the pulse of the metropolis—unceasingly vigilant, unfailingly ready, minute by minute, day after day, year in and year out.

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bristling with gables, turrets, and flagstuffs. At the right, as you gaze sternward, the breadth of East River, the delicately arched line of the graceful suspension bridge, and the looming heights of Brooklyn extend the picture grandly in that direction, while at the left are the broad level of the Hudson and the tall elevators and green background of Jersey City, far enough away to take on an ideal beauty. The focal and foreground point of the splendid scene is the Battery — green with trees and lawns — marked by the quaint structure of Castle Garden, and fringed with white, where the gentle surf breaks against its curving sea-wall.

**The Battery** (as before this the reader will have ascertained) is the name applied to the triangular park at the southern extremity of the city. Originally Manhattan Island was rounded at the end and bordered with rocks, hardly covered at high tide. Upon the outermost of these a fortification, in the form of a water-battery, was built very early in the history of the city, and rebuilt, but not much used at the time of the Revolution. This accounts for the name. Among the defenses projected at the close of the last century was a new fort here, upon the outermost rocks. It was completed in 1805, and was named Fort Clinton, after Gov. DeWitt Clinton. This is the structure since modified into Castle Garden.

As originally built the fort was separated from the mainland of Manhattan Island by a strip of water which was bridged by a draw, and which was filled in later. It was a circular building of solid stone masonry, with walls in some places thirty feet thick, and was provided with barbette and casemate guns. It was liberally armed and garrisoned by the Government, and was considered by military men one of the best forts in the country. During the second war with England Fort Clinton was the center of a great deal of activity on the part of the citizens of this town. In 1814, the probability of a naval attack presented itself, and early in the spring the Common Council called a mass meeting of citizens to consider the situation. The citizens pledged themselves to rally for the defense of the city. Enlisting stations were at once opened, and companies and regiments were rapidly formed, and drilled opposite Ft. Clinton, which was much strengthened at the same time by gangs of citizens working with trowel and spade. The intense excitement of the times, centering at the Battery, spread in all directions about the port, and works were thrown up on Brooklyn Heights, Ellis Island, Bedloe's Island, and Staten Island, largely by volunteer labor of citizens. Forts were built all around the Lower Bay and along the shores of the East River and McGowan's Pass, and other strategic points were covered by a chain of forts protecting the city on the north. For this matter, consult *Journal U. S. Artillery*, IX, March-April, 1898.



After the war Ft. Clinton was kept in good military shape for a few years only, because the defenses of other approaches to the city had made it practically useless. It was deeded to the State in 1822. Then began its civil existence, which is more interesting than its military career. From 1824, when Lafayette landed there on his visit to this country, until 1853, when theatrical representations of a rather cheap sort were produced there, the fort was a popular resort.

In 1847 Castle Garden was remodeled inside, shut in with a high roof, and fitted up as a luxurious place of amusement. The Havana Opera Company, the leading opera organization of the period, appeared there, and many fine plays were given. Then followed the wonderful introduction of Jenny Lind by P. T. Barnum, when the town went wild over the Swedish *diva*. In 1855 Castle Garden became the State immigrant depot, and nearly ten millions of immigrants passed through its halls.



THE BARGE OFFICE.

In 1891, however, the United States took charge of immigration, abandoned Castle Garden, and established a new depot upon **Ellis Island**. This is a small Island between the Liberty Statue and the Communipaw shore, which has been almost covered with a fine range of buildings. Hither all

steerage passengers are transferred from the steamers in which they arrive, and before they can land must be examined as to their eligibility as citizens, and be fully recorded. If they are bound to some interior point, they are put into charge of railway or steamship agents, and

by them conducted to the trains or steamers. The Government never loses sight of, nor ceases to protect, the immigrant until he is prepared to face the new life. A ferry-boat (free) runs between the Battery and the island every forty minutes during working hours.



The Battery Park contains twenty-one acres, is shaded by large trees, and provided with a broad walk along the sea-wall and with a great number of seats, always crowded with quaint immigrants and loungers. At the eastern end of the sea-wall stands the Revenue Barge Office, a branch of the Custom House, surmounted by a tower 90 ft. high, and beyond that the group of ferries to Brooklyn and Staten Island known collectively as South Ferry. In 1893 the Battery was adorned by a bronze statue of John Ericsson, the great engineer, which stands near the Barge Office. It was erected by the city, was designed by J. S. Hartley, and the granite pedestal bears panels in low relief commemorating the deeds of the "Monitor."

**The Aquarium.**—Castle Garden has been restored externally, and refitted by the city (Park Department) as an aquarium, open freely, each day to the public. It is in charge of city officials, and will repay inspection. The floor of the old fort is occupied by large open tanks for large fishes, seals, great turtles, etc.; and the walls are encircled by glass-fronted wall tanks containing an extensive display of the fishes of our waters, both salt and fresh. The circular gallery above them is occupied by tanks in which are living, amid fixed aquatic growths, a rich collection of small corals, anemones, mollusks, crustaceans, and other creatures of great interest and beauty. Everything is fully labeled. Admittance 10 A. M. to 4 P. M., daily.

### *The Liberty Statue.*

**Bartholdi's Statue of Liberty** stands upon Bedloe's Island,  $1\frac{3}{4}$  miles southwest of the Battery and on the western edge of the path of commerce. Its base is surrounded by the double, star-shaped walls and salients of old Fort Wood, which partly hide the pedestal, but lend dignity to the noble figure. This colossal figure, the largest statue of modern times, is made of hammered plates of copper, is 151 ft. in height and stands upon a pedestal 155 ft. high.

August. Bartholdi was a French sculptor, already known to Americans by his statue of Lafayette in Union Sq., and by other works. He was impressed during a voyage to the United States by the eagerness with which the immigrants crowded the decks for a first glimpse of the new land to which they were coming with such hope and confidence, and the thought came to him, as Mr. Charles Barnard has well written it: "What a joy and encouragement it would be to these people if they could see something to welcome them, to remind them that this is a republic. What if there stood, like a great guardian, at

the entrance of the continent, a colossal statue—a grand figure of a woman holding aloft a torch, and symbolizing *Liberty Enlightening the World!* When he went home he proposed that a popular subscription should be opened in France to present to the people of the United States such a statue. The idea took the fancy of the French. More than \$200,000 was collected, and in 1879 Mr. Bartholdi began work upon the statue, the sketch of which had been approved by critics and people alike. The process of building this colossal figure was most interesting, and was graphically detailed by Mr. C. Barnard in *St. Nicholas* for July, 1884, quoted below:

**Structure of the Statue.**—A monolith so enormous as this was designed to be, could never be transported or erected; and if built up in courses it would crumble and become unsightly. Bartholdi remembered the statue erected centuries ago by "Il Cerano" on the shore of Lake Maggiore, which was made of copper, in thin sheets, hammered into shape and laid upon a frame of stone, iron, and wood; and he decided that his statue must follow the same method. A beginning was made by executing a model in plaster just one-sixteenth the size of the intended statue. Next another model four times as large was constructed, and carefully studied and worked over to make it as perfect as possible. This quarter-size model being finished, the task followed of making the full-sized model in plaster. But this had to be cast in sections, and these fitted together. To mold these full-sized copies of the quarter-sized model, which had been cut into suitable pieces, was a work of great ingenuity. Their weight required a support, and a framework of laths was first erected over which the plaster was roughly spread, and then was chiseled and smoothed by skillful workmen into an exact similitude of the smaller model.

These sections in plaster completed, came the work of making wooden molds that should be exact copies both in size and modeling of the plaster. "It was a long, tedious, and difficult piece of work; but there are few workmen who could do it better than these French carpenters. Each piece was a model of a part of the statue, exactly fitting every projection, depression, and curve of that portion of the figure or drapery. Into these wooden molds sheets of metal were laid, and pressed or beaten down until they fitted the irregular surfaces of the molds. All the *repoussé*, or hammered work, was done from the back, or inside of the sheet [which varied from one to three yards square]. . . . In this complicated manner, by making first a sketch, then a quarter-size model, then a full-sized model in sections, then hundreds of wooden copies, and lastly by beating into shape 300 sheets of copper, the enormous statue was finished. These 300 bent and hammered plates, weighing in all eighty-eight tons, form the outside of the statue. They are very thin, and while they fit each other perfectly, it is quite plain that if they were put together in their proper order they would never stand alone; . . . there must be also a skeleton, a bony structure inside, to hold it together.



LIBERTY ENLIGHTENING THE WORLD—Bedloe's Island, New York Bay.  
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## VII.

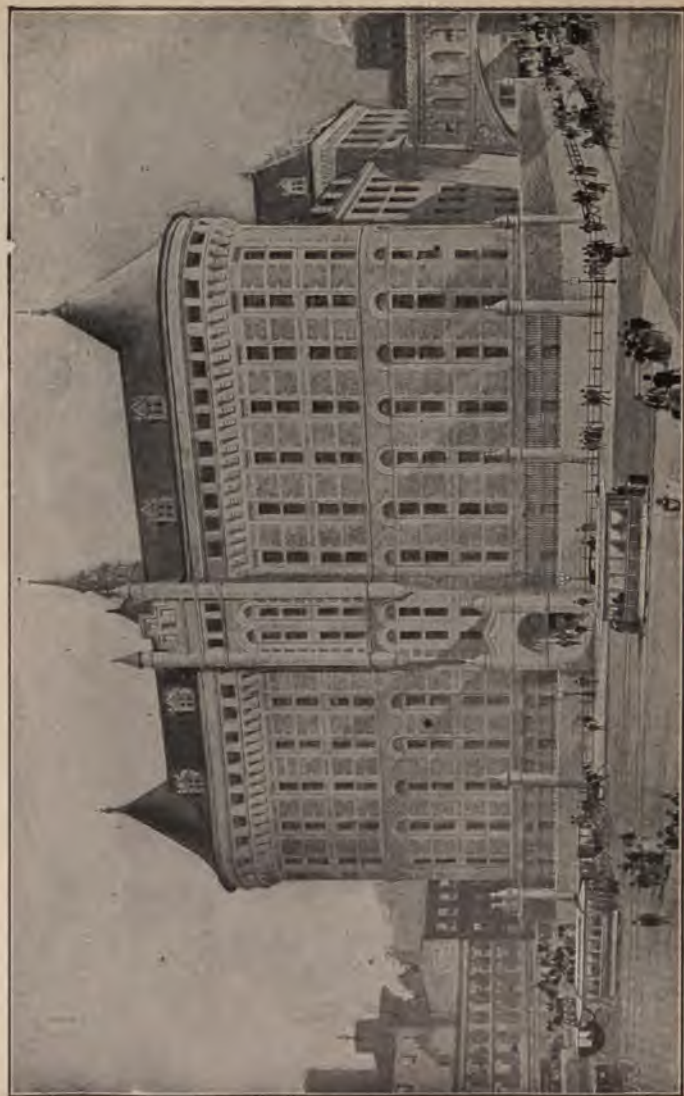
### A RAMBLE AT NIGHT.

Some suggestions as to a good route for a nocturnal ramble, and the sort of thing a person may expect to see, may be useful. If you are in search of evil, in order to take part in it—don't look here for guidance. This book merely proposes to give some hints as how the dark, crowded, hard-working, and sometimes criminal portions of the city look at night.

Supposing that you start from an uptown hotel, say at 9 o'clock, a good plan would be to take the Sixth Av. El. Ry. to Bleecker St. station. This is a shady corner, in more senses than one. The *junction of Bleecker and South Fifth Av.* is quite roofed over by the elevated station and tracks, and the latter street is one of the most poorly lighted in town; moreover the locality is largely inhabited by negroes, mainly of a very low class, becoming still more low and vicious as you go down Sullivan and Thompson Sts., below Bleecker; and a large proportion of the white residents, American, Italian, French, and Irish, are fond of shady places and shady ways. Wander about these gloomy blocks a bit, if you like, but keep your eyes open—not so wide, however, as would be advisable four or five hours later. East of South Fifth Av., Bleecker St. is brighter, and there are several queer little French and Italian restaurants. Fifty years ago this street was the height of fashion, and the doorplates of the fine old houses, many of which yet remain in melancholy dirt and ruin, bore names now counted high up on Fifth or Madison avenues. But great business houses are rising year by year on their sites, and even the devil is being ousted from all this evil part of town by commerce and manufactures. The huge and handsome Mills Hotel No. 1 stands here. Wooster and Green Sts., next east of South Fifth Av., which twenty years ago were infamous, are now walled in by huge factories and commercial buildings.

Two blocks further on we come to Broadway, quiet and gloomy here, since almost every store is closed at 6. We cross it and walk one block east to the head of Mulberry St., just beyond which are the rooms of two street missions, one of which, the *Florence Mission*, is widely known for its work among the women of the street.

Turning down Mulberry we pass the solemn, white front of *Police*



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corner gradually shapes itself out of the shadows as the image of the genial *Puck*, whose bright weekly is printed in that great building. On this northeast corner of Mulberry and Houston ran for many years the notorious pugilistic resort and concert hall of *Harry Hill*; but the doughty proprietor closed his doors some years ago. Turning east through Houston St., we walk two blocks to the Bowery (of which more presently), and jumping upon a car ride down half a mile to Worth St., which opens as a broad thoroughfare westward from the lower side of Chatham Sq. We walk rapidly two or three hundred yards along it, until we suddenly find ourselves in an open, triangular space, where several narrow and irregular streets converge. This is the

**Five Points.**—Thirty years ago Worth St. was called Anthony, and did not extend through from Chatham Sq. to Broadway, as it now does, but stopped midway at "the points," where its intersection with Park and Cross (now Baxter) Sts. formed five triangles. The ground was low, and had from the first been avoided by those who could choose a more desirable site for their buildings. On each of these points, years ago, stood grog-shops of the lowest character, and the whole neighborhood was filled with infamous houses and tumble-down tenements, inhabited by the poorest and most abandoned persons—the human drainage of the city. It would be unpleasant to insist upon all the disagreeable features. What remains even yet is indicative of a very bad past, though the light has been let in by the opening of Worth St., the paving of the little "square," the demolition of many of the old rookeries, and the closing of such alleys as "Cow Bay" and "Donovan's Lane." Even the old "Bloody Sixth" police station in Franklin St. was abandoned a dozen years ago. Nevertheless you may listen to the noise of fighting any night now in that region, especially in the Italian quarter just north of it; and the counters of the dark and dreadful saloons are chipped with knife-thrusts and dented with pistol-bullets.

Where next? **Baxter St.**, which leads straight through from the Five Points to Chatham St., is dark and quiet. The ol' clo' shops are shut, and all the Cohens have gone to bed. In the day-time this narrow, short, and dirty thoroughfare will repay the curiosity of any sight-seer who has the temerity to run the gauntlet of "pullers in." The street, more commonly spoken of as "the Bay," has always been known for its cheap clothing business, and shop after shop on both sides is given up to our Hebraic brethren, who appropriate the greater part of the sidewalk for the display of their various "bargains." Swarthy men and sometimes girls entreat you to enter and buy, not only, but seize your arm and will drag you in, if they can, despite the protests and revilings of the salesman next door. The complacency

with which you are assured that black is white and that other contradictory things are similar, in order to effect a sale, is amusing—objectively.

It is too far to go to see the Italian rag-pickers in Crosby St., but we can find a great colony of the same people in Little Italy, just above here; so let us go to

**The Mulberry Bend.**—Mulberry St., here at its southern end, is narrow, dark, and dirty. Six-story tenements, whose unwashed windows scarcely disclose any evidence of the lamp-light within, rise in a solid wall on either hand. Their first floors are occupied by shops of various kinds—all dark now, but blurs of red and yellow light at each corner, and once or twice in the middle, of every block, show that the saloons are still open. Along the curbstone, every two or three doors, are groups of trucks, whose drivers and horses are stabled somewhere in the midst of these tenements. It is not much after ten o'clock, and plenty of people are in the street; if it be one of the hot summer evenings, everybody is out, half of them asleep on the trucks, or in door-steps, or on the cellar doors, where the mothers have brought pillows, or maybe a mattress, for their children to lie upon; and there they will sleep all night rather than stifle inside those awful hives of neglected humanity.

*The Park* recently opened here, has cleared away some of the worst of these squalid tenements, and opened the "Points" and the "Bend" to fresh air and green grass. It has a rest-house, fountains, and innumerable seats. A great new schoolhouse is close by. On all sides are pictures worth an artist's study, especially on a summer evening.

Here is a little street coming in from the right, and the smoky torches of a fruit-seller gleam upon the brass buttons of two policemen who are watching what seems to be material for a very pretty row, in a group of small, lithe, dark men excitedly quarreling and gesticulating. Not a word of English is heard—only a rough, guttural Italian. Perhaps they will take it out in words—perhaps a knife may flash out, a cry be heard, and the cat-like murderer get away, even though policemen are so close at hand, for his countrymen will help him to escape, in order that they may institute the vendetta and become their own avengers. We move on. The way is more crowded, and as we jostle through it is hard to believe this is not Naples. The street curves slightly to the left. More dark-skinned men and bonnetless women—who ever saw one of these *signorina* wear a hat?—throng the sidewalks and squat in the doorways of the

little shops, whose thresholds are below the sidewalk, or lounge upon the trucks, or pass in and out of a concert hall where dancing is going on. Let us step into this groggery kept by a man whose name is honored in Rome, if his sign may be believed, and get a glass of beer. It is a dark, smoky little bar-room, filled with Italians. No doubt they look ferocious, if your fancy insists upon it, but to me there seems only a sort of brutish curiosity in their glances. The beer comes in glasses holding nearly a quart, and only three cents is asked; but if it was not altogether obtained by emptying the dregs of the beer-kegs in other saloons, the stock was certainly eked out in that way. We take just a sip for politeness sake and go out again. This is the Mulberry Bend—in some respects the most unmanageable crime-nursery in the city. It is quiet enough, as a rule, however, and we turn back and saunter through the stinking shadows of Bayard St. (the very worst part of a very bad street named after the pattern of gentility) without any sensations of alarm, since no vendetta has been declared against us in "Little Italy."

**Chinatown and the Chinese.**—At the top of the slope of Baxter St. is Mott St., and here in daylight an extremely picturesque and foreign scene is presented as you look back at the rickety tenements and the chaffering crowd of excitable hucksters. Mott St., from Bayard to Chatham Sq., is the heart of Chinatown. Here, or in the immediate neighborhood, the majority of the 7,000 Chinese in New York has its home, though its work may be done to a large extent somewhere else. Here are the joss houses, the civil officers of the colony, the merchants, the tailors, and shoemakers, the lodging-houses and restaurants, the gambling rooms and opium-smoking places.

The latest estimate by the Chinese Consulate (26 W. 9th St.) places the number of Chinese in New York and Brooklyn at about 7,000. All come from a little territory in the province of Kwantung, in part known as the Sam Yup, or Four Towns, and the Sz' Yup or Three Towns.

Some thirty "companies" of merchants are enumerated in New York, and many of them do a large business, not only at home, but in supplying Chinese shops in outlying towns. Their stock is mainly imported direct, and includes a wide range of goods. These stores are always open, of course, to visitors, and in each of them a clerk or proprietor speaking English will be found. The largest wholesale ones are in Mott St. and Chatham Sq.; but the most showy retail shops are those in Pell St., at the lower end of the Bowery. Their habits of personal cleanliness are maintained, their streets are by all odds the cleanest in that part of the city, the buildings in which



they live are well swept and kept in good repair, and their quarters, though smelling of incense smoke, and otherwise strangely malodorous to Caucasian nostrils, and despite their crowded condition, far surpass in wholesome cleanliness the tenements of the foreigners around them.

The hour of this walk is too late, of course, to enable us to enter the stores, whose upright signs, with big carved characters and little knots and tassels of cloth, glimmer picturesquely in the gaslight. What we can see through the darkened windows induces a resolve to come here again by daylight. The front of a building on the eastern side of the way attracts attention. It is covered with balconies hung with gaudy signs and ornaments, and illuminated by large octagonal lanterns of colored glass. This is the new temple or *joss house* at No. 16, which is worth a visit.

**A Joss House.**—We enter the hall, and climb two pairs of stairs to the front room, where the noise made by our entrance brings an aged and shriveled attendant, who bows his welcome, shaking his own hands the while, instead of shaking ours. One side of the room is filled with a great shrine of magnificently carved ebony columns and arches, within which carved figures covered with gold leaf are placed, the whole resembling somewhat the stage-setting of a tiny theater. The extreme back of the shrine is occupied by a half-length painting representing, they tell you, Gwan Gwing Shing Te, the only original god of the Chinese Empire. On his left is the woman-like figure of his grand secretary, Lee Poo, and on his right, in fiercest battle array, is Tu Chong, the grand body-guard. A row of candles, set like theater footlights, illuminates the painting, and brings out all its barbaric splendor. About three feet in front of the shrine is a massive carved table upon which are arranged the brass jars, joss sticks, sandle-wood urns, and all the offerings and sacrifices peculiar to this worship. It is before this table, after lighting his incense sticks and his sacred paper, that the Mongolian worshiper makes his devotional salaams, pours his tiny libation of rice wine, and repeats the ritual of prayers enjoined upon him. The religion of this people, as manifested here, is, however, accompanied by little sacredness.

**A Chinese Theater** is conducted at 5 Doyer St., which may be visited by anyone, and (in parties) by ladies. The plays and audience are thoroughly and characteristically Chinese, by actors of ability, are never offensive, and often are comical. Admission, 25 cents. Confections and sugar-cane are sold, and everybody smokes.

Several **Chinese restaurants** are carried on in this quarter, and on Saturday nights and Sundays, when Chinamen flock in here to visit friends and make purchases, they are crowded. The largest one is kept by Kee Keng Low on the third floor (front) of 16 Mott St. Another is at 16 Doyer St.

**The Bowery.**—It is only eleven o'clock, and the Bowery is still crowded with people, and brilliant with innumerable lights along its whole length. There is no other such a street in America. "In it is probably represented every civilized nation on the globe, and it is unquestionably a democratic street. It is the antithesis of Broadway, and the grand avenue of the respectable lower classes." Years ago it was the resort of a peculiar type of braggart ruffians, the Bowery boys, who were the heroes of that New York which was guarded by the "leather head" police, and ran to fires "wid de machine" of their favorite volunteer company. Dickens found here material to his taste. No chapter in his "American Notes" is more graphic or true than that upon the Bowery; and Thackeray was anxious first of all to see this street and its habitues. But that time passed with the era of the war and the coming of the immigrants. Americans have almost disappeared from that part of New York, and the swaggering "boy" has departed. The "young feller" who remains is really no better, but he is more showy, less troublesome, and is in turn giving way to the German and Jew, good-natured and frugal, even in their amusements. Larger buildings and better shops are exhibited year by year, and the Bowery is gradually but steadily rising.

**The Russian Quarter.**—It is getting late. We must hurry eastward. Here is Chatham Sq. again. A maze of streets radiates off at the left—dark, narrow streets leading down toward the East River, and we can see in the distance a few of the lights on the Brooklyn Bridge, and distinguish against the sky the shadowy blur of a tower. Let us follow the line of the Second Av. El. Ry. up Division St. as far as Market St., running the gauntlet of hook-nosed girls in front of the millinery stores, who, from pure force of habit, will beseech us to go in and buy something "for your lady, sir." It is an odd bit of the city. Then we turn down Market, a broad and once important street, which runs down to East River, and cross over one block to East Broadway, a semi-fashionable thoroughfare half a century ago, but now the central avenue of the Russian and Polish quarter, so far as these people can be separated from Jews, Bohemians, and Hungarians, who throng a square mile of marvelously crowded tenements in this region. Here, among his countrymen, dwells many a political refugee or escaped soldier from the dominion of the Tsar; or if, as is usually the case in New York, the education of the exile enables him to earn enough to live in a better place, he is often to be seen here as a visitor. Signs in Russian letters are fre-

quent. One of these, over the door of a basement liquor saloon, suggests to us that we go in and get a glass of *vodka*, or Russian spirits; there is little in it that differs from any bar-room of the vicinity, and the drink is nothing but poor whisky. The sign of a Russian restaurant attracts us. We find a neat room, once the parlor of a big house, where a mother and two comely daughters are chatting with half a dozen dark-skinned young men, who sit smoking cigarettes at small tables. We get some bread and coffee, and go our way, having seen little if anything out of the ordinary. The Russian, the Pole, the Bohemian, is lost at once in the American; but the Jew remains a Jew.

In "Judea."—We turn disappointedly out of East Broadway, and wander about the narrow dirty streets northward; and westward—Forsythe, Allen, Orchard, Ludlow, Hester, and Canal. Everywhere six and seven storied brick tenement houses are crowded to their eaves with humanity. One single square mile in this part of town holds a quarter of a million persons. Nine-tenths of them are Germans or Germanized Jews and Bohemians. They are the hardest-working part of the population, and spend the least of what they earn. The Israelites are the most interesting. They form a community by themselves, supplying each other's wants and having communication only to a limited extent with outsiders. Here is where the fakers and peddlers who throng the lower part of the town get their supplies and learn how to earn their livelihood, even before they have any idea of the language of the country.

There is no special reason why we should come to see them at night, save for the picturesqueness of it; except on Thursday night (preceding the Hebrew Sabbath, which begins at Friday's sunset) when the streets, and especially Hester St., are crowded to suffocation with crowds of strollers and buyers of the holiday's provisions, and long lines of hand-carts, selling every conceivable thing and illuminated by flaring oil-torches. The little shops open their doors to the widest, and upon every cellar door some zealous merchant displays a heap of second-hand goods, and howls out the name and virtues of his wares.

**Fire Department.**—Few things interest the stranger in New York more than to go to a fire and see the work of what is conceded to be the most scientific and capable fire department in the world. It is ruled by a commissioner, appointed by the mayor, from headquarters



at 157 E. 67th St., but practical direction is in the hands of a chief, who has under him a deputy for Brooklyn. The old city contains over 100 engine, hook-and-ladder, and water-tower companies, grouped into battalions under battalion chiefs, and so arranged in districts that a certain amount of apparatus responds to any alarm in its district, and more is called by additional telegraphic signals.



TRINITY CHURCH—Lower Broadway, opposite Wall Street.

## VIII.

### CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS AND BENEVOLENT WORK.

**The Dutch Reformed Church** has the honor of possessing not only the oldest Protestant organization in New York, but in the Western hemisphere. This patriarch is the *Collegiate D. F. Church Society*, whose 250th anniversary was celebrated Nov. 21, 1878. The finest of the present Dutch Reformed churches, architecturally, is the *Third* (or Fifth Avenue) *Collegiate* at Fifth Av. and 48th St., which exhibits a wealth of study in its constructive and other decorations. The *Bloomingdale Church* (W End Ave. and 106th St.) is a handsome building of white and gray stone. Another handsome edifice belongs to the *Second Collegiate of Harlem*, at Lenox Av. and 123d St. The church at Fifth Av. and 29th St. is known as the *Holland Church*, and is a fine building of Vermont marble in the Romanesque style. In addition to those heretofore mentioned, some twenty other churches and missions of this denomination are scattered about the city and its northern suburbs, a recent addition to the list being the *Hamilton Avenue Church*, at W. 145th St. and Convent Av., which stands upon what was once the home estate of Alexander Hamilton.

**Episcopalian.**—Next in antiquity as an organization is the Protestant Episcopal (Church of England), where, of course, Trinity heads a list notable for splendid architecture as well as good works. The residence of the bishop is at 347 W. 89th St., and his office at 113 West 40th St. A cathedral to cost several millions is to be built presently upon the high ground near the lower end of Morningside Park (W. 110th St.). The oldest organization in the denomination and in the city (except the Dutch Reformed), and the wealthiest, and most ritualistic one in the United States, is

**Trinity Church.**—It is on Broadway, facing Wall St., and the Rector St. station of the Sixth Av. El. Ry., whose trains overlook

its churchyard, is close in its rear. The land on which Trinity Church now stands was the old West India Company's farm, before the Conquest of Manhattan Island by the English. It then became "the King's farm," and in 1705 was granted to this, the Colonial Church. These lands embraced the entire tract lying along the North River, between the present Vesey and Christopher streets. Much of it was subsequently given away to institutions of various sorts, but enough remains to constitute a property yielding about \$500,000 income annually and worth an enormous amount at the market prices of real estate in that part of the city. This income is spent in the maintenance of old Trinity and six chapels, besides aid to many subsidiary missions in various squalid parts of the city, to supporting a long list of charities, and to the care of Trinity Cemetery in Manhattanville. The original church, built in 1697, and rebuilt in 1737, was destroyed in the great fire of 1776. It was not replaced for several years, St. Paul's giving its hospitality to the parishioners; but in 1788 a new church was erected which stood for half a century. It was then torn down, and upon its site arose the present edifice, which was completed in 1846.

**Trinity Churchyard** is beautiful in itself, and full of associations of monuments of historical interest. Many of the graves go back to the 17th century. Here are buried many well-known persons, among them Alexander Hamilton. It is open to the public daily.

Of the monuments the most conspicuous is the "Martyrs," in the northeast corner, near the street. This was erected by the Trinity corporation in memory of the American patriots who died in British prisons in this city during the Revolutionary War. Another prominent monument, at the left of the entrance, is the one to the memory of Captain Lawrence, of the man-of-war *Chesapeake*, whose dying cry, "Don't give up the ship," is carved upon its pictured sides.

**St. Paul's Church**, which stands on Broadway between Fulton and Vesey Sts., and nearly opposite the Post Office, is in reality only a "chapel" of Trinity Parish. It is the rear which is seen upon Broadway, the church originally facing toward the North River and commanding a view of it. This edifice was built in 1764-6, and although the third in the order of its foundation is now the oldest church building in the city. Its architecture is good and impressive, and its interior a chaste and carefully preserved example of the ecclesiastical fashion of 150 years ago. Its venerable walls have seen many memorable ceremonies, and in its churchyard are resting the bones of



famous men and women. In the rear wall, facing Broadway, is a memorial tablet to General Richard Montgomery, the hero of Quebec, while in the churchyard are monuments to Thomas Addis Emmet, an Irish patriot, the actor, George F. Cooke, and others.



GRACE CHURCH.

**Grace Church** stands on Broadway at 10th St., just where the great thoroughfare bends slightly westward; and it is therefore in view for a long distance from both directions. The style is decorated Gothic, elaborately carried out, and the rectory and adjoining buildings are harmoniously adapted to it, while a pretty space of lawn and garden

makes a pleasing foreground to one of the most gratifying architectural pictures in New York. Its spire is particularly graceful, and contains a melodious chime of bells. The windows and interior of Grace Church are very rich in decorations; and this church shares with St. Thomas the most fashionable weddings in the city. The Chantry—a small addition on the south side of the church, used

for daily services—was erected by money given by the late Miss Catherine Wolfe. A building connecting the church and the rectory is used as a vestry and clergy house, and contains a library and reading room, open to members of the church; in the rear is a school. Back of the church, in Fourth Av., is a day nursery, erected by Mr. Levi P. Morton, in memory of his wife, for the reception of young children during the hours their mothers are at work, and known as the Grace Memorial Home. *Grace Chapel* belongs to the parish.

*St. George's* on East 16th Street, overlooking Stuyvesant Sq., is descended from the congregation of the second Episcopal church erected in the city, which stood at Beekman and Cliff Sts., now the heart of the leather and hardware district. It is a very spacious and handsome building, and has an annex for the Sunday school, etc., built by Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan. Rev. Mr. H. Birkhead is rector.

*St. Mark's* is another venerable church edifice, at Second Av. and 10th St. (9th St. Station, Third Av. El. Ry.), which covers the site of a chapel built by Stuyvesant, the last of the Dutch governors, whose bones rest beneath its floor. The present is the second building, erected in 1826. Its outer (eastern) wall has a memorial to Stuyvesant.

*St. Thomas' Church* is at Fifth Av. and 53d St., and is perhaps the most fashionable of up-town houses of worship. Its paintings by Lafarge and its illuminated windows are justly admired.

The *Church of the Transfiguration* in 29th St., just east of Fifth Av., is now known all over the country as "*the little church 'round the corner.*" This name is said to have been derived from the refusal some years ago of a certain pastor in Madison Av. to perform the burial service over the body of the aged actor, George Holland, bidding the emissary of his friends (who was Joseph Jefferson) go to "a little church 'round the corner," where they might be accommodated. Since that time the players of the country have held this church and the late Dr. Houghton, its pastor, in veneration, and nearly all actors and actresses who die in New York are buried from it. A memorial window to Harry Montague is one of its features. It is a low, cruciform building, in Gothic style, shaded by trees; its walls are half covered with vines, it has a pretty lych-gate, and altogether is one of the most attractive houses of worship in the city.

About eighty other churches and chapels of this denomination exist within this city, nearly all of which are "low church."

**Presbyterianism** is the method of one of the oldest and strongest

sects in New York. The *First Church*, founded in 1716, stood originally in Wall St., near Broadway, but now occupies the block on Fifth Av. between 11th and 12th Sts., with one of the most dignified edifices of its class in town. Nine pastors have succeeded one another there, the present being H. Duffield, D. D. The next oldest church is the *Scotch* (1756), now at 96th St. and Central Park, W. The *Brick Church*, whose tall spire crowns Murray Hill, is next in age, but overreaches both in social prominence. Originally (1765) it stood on the triangle opposite the City Hall, now occupied by the *Times* building. The former pastor was Dr. Henry Van Dyke. The Rutgers St. Church (now the *Rutgers Riverside*) was organized in 1798 down-town, and has finally moved to its present place at 73d St. and the Boulevard.

The *Fifth Avenue Presbyterian* (pulpit of the late Dr. John Hall) is the most fashionable as well as the most popular of the churches of this denomination in New York, and is the successor of an old society organized in Cedar St. in 1808, which, after several removals, arrived at its present building at Fifth Av. and 55th St. This is a highly decorated specimen of Gothic architecture. The interior presents as great a contrast to the conventional plain meeting-house of former days as can well be imagined. Neither carving nor color has been spared, and the effect produced is rather more that associated with a theater than with a church—an effect which the light wood used in the paneling and in the construction of the pews, and the gradual sloping of the floor from the entrance to the pulpit, help to bring out to its fullest extent. Dr. Hall came from Dublin, Ireland, in 1867, died in Ireland in 1898, and was buried there.

The churches heretofore named are the original Presbyterian churches of the city, which number fifty-five in all, not including several mission chapels. A few others of the more prominent should be mentioned. The *Madison Square Church* is that of which Dr. William Adams was so long the pastor, succeeded by the present incumbent, the Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst. The *Fourth Avenue*, at Fourth Av. and 22d St., became famous under the pastorate of the late Dr. Howard Crosby. The *Madison Avenue* is under the care of the Rev. C. L. Thompson; the *Church of the Covenant*, long ministered to by the Rev. Prof. Marvin R. Vincent, is now led by Dr. G. S. Webster; and the *Phillips Church* (formerly Fifteenth St.), at Madison Av. and 73d St., has as pastor Dr. J. E. Bushnell. The headquarters for the many Presbyterian societies for church work, home



missions, church erection, etc., are in the splendid stone office-building at Fifth Av. and 21st St., called Lenox Hall.

**Methodist Episcopal.**—Methodism is an old institution in New York.\* The most ancient edifice is in Willet St., near Grand, but the *John Street Church* is entitled to foremost mention. This building occupies the site of the first Methodist church in America, and is known as the cradle of American Methodism. The *Allen St. Memorial*, Rivington St. east of Orchard, is the successor of the church in Allen St., so famous in the religious annals of the city as the center of a remarkable revival about 1830. The *Washington Square Church*, so called, occupies a marble building in 4th St., near Sixth Av. The *Central Church* (Seventh Av. near 14th St.) is the successor of that in Vestry St., and *St. Paul's*, now possessed of a fine edifice of marble, at Fourth Av. and 22d St., succeeds an old one in Mulberry St. The *Eighteenth Street*, between Eighth and Ninth Aves., is the "Charter Church," holding the original deeds, and its trustees are the legal successors of the first board. The *Madison Avenue* (at No. 659) has a fine brown-stone building recently erected; this is the church made famous by Dr. Newman, who numbered General Grant among his parishioners. The pulpit floor of another fashionable new M. E. Church, the *Park Avenue*, is made from timber from the original church in John St. *Trinity* (323 East 118th St.) has the largest membership of any Methodist church in the city, and *St. James* in W. 126th St., stands second in this respect. *St. Andrews*, on 76th St., between Ninth and Tenth Aves., is in a fashionable location, and is the finest house of worship of this denomination in town. A new and very artistic church is *St. Paul's*, West End Av. and 86th St.

The **Baptist** church in New York goes back to an early date in local history, when a congregation met on Golden Hill, at the head of Burling Slip, where they were in danger of mob violence on account of their Arminian doctrines, which were distasteful to the rest of the people. Gov. Stuyvesant, however, guaranteed them protection, and the sect has thriven since, and now numbers fifty-two churches and missions. The most noted of these are: The *Fifth Avenue*, at W. 46th St.; *Madison Avenue*, at E. 31st St.; *Epiphany*, Madison Av. and 64th St.; *Calvary*, Sixth Av. and 57th St.; and the *Abyssinian* (colored), 166 Waverley Place.

**Congregationalism** has not grown as much in old New York as in Brooklyn. The foremost church is the *Tabernacle*, at Broadway and 56th St., of which the late Dr. W. M. Taylor was the pastor. The



*Central Church*, at 57th St., between Eighth and Ninth Avs., and the *Pilgrim Church*, Madison Av. and E. 121st St., are most influential societies.

Of Unitarian churches New York has three, two of which are

widely celebrated by reason of the eloquence of their pastors.

*All Souls* is the oldest, and was made by the late Dr. Bellows the most prominent church of this denomination in the city, if not in the whole country. It stands at the corner of Fourth Av. and 20th St., and is very conspicuous through its red and white Byzantine style of architecture. The *Church of the Messiah*, at 61 E. 34th St., corner of Park Av., is now distinguished by the oratory of the Rev. Robert Collyer, its pastor, and is a handsome structure. In Harlem the Unitarians worship at Lenox Av. and 121st St.

The **Lutheran** denomination is as strong in New York as might be expected of its large German population. Its churches are mainly on the East Side and in Harlem, but are not confined to those quarters. Nearly the oldest, if not quite so, is *St. Matthias*, at the corner of Broome and Elizabeth Sts., where service is still held and a school maintained in one of the worst



TEMPLE EMANU-EL.

precincts in the city. *St. James*, in E. 73d St., is also prominent. The "*German Evangelical Reformed*" church is at 97 Suffolk St. **Quakers**, or **Friends**, have two meeting houses, one at 144 E. 20th St., and another on Rutherford Pl., facing Stuyvesant Sq. A *Moravian* society worships at 154 Lexington Av., with a mission at 636

Sixth Av. Three **Universalist** churches may be found, viz.: *Church of the divine Paternity*, 76th St. and Central Park, W.; the *Second*, 82 W. 126th St., and the *Church of the Eternal Hope*, 142 W. 81st St.

The **Israelitish** population of the city has been growing with great rapidity during the past decade, and their synagogues now number about fifty. Most of them are small edifices, in the narrow East Side streets; but many are scattered along the avenues, and beautify them by their oriental architecture. Such are *Beth-El*, Fifth Av. and 76th St.; *B'nai Jeshurun*, Madison Av., near 65th St.; *Hand in Hand* and *Temple Israel*, in Harlem; *Shaarai Tephila*, Columbus Av. and 82d St., and, most notable of all, *Temple Emanu-El*, north-east corner of Fifth Av. and 43d St., which is the finest specimen of Moorish architecture in America, and one of the costliest religious structures in the city. It is built of brown and yellow sandstone, with the roof of alternate lines of red and black tiles. The center of the façade on Fifth Av., containing the main entrance, is flanked by two towers or rather minarets, both richly carved. The congregation belongs to the reform wing, under the pastorate of the learned Rabbi, G. Gottheil.

Some miscellaneous churches and missions should not be forgotten. The *Church of the Strangers*, formerly at 299 Mercer St., where Dr. C. F. Deems was pastor, which appeals directly to readers of this book, has now been moved to No. 307 W. 57th St.; it still sustains important missions among the unfortunate. The *Swedenborgians* worship at 114 E. 35th St., and (in German) at 141 Chrystie. The *Mariner's Church* at 46 Catherine St. (near Chatham Sq.) is interesting, as are services at the Howard, Florence, Cremorne (104 W. 32d St.), and several other missions.

### **Roman Catholic Churches.**

**Roman Catholicism** met with great prejudice and material obstacles when it first endeavored to gain a foothold in New York, and failed to do so until after the Revolution; but now it leads all other denominations in the number of its communicants drawn from every rank of society.

The *Cathedral* is the first, of course, of the Catholic churches, and the great show church of the city; it is described at length farther on.

About 100 other Roman Catholic churches are catalogued, of which only a few need be commented upon. The oldest, as has been said, is *St. Peter's* (Barclay and Church Sts.). Next in order of age come



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL—From the North, 5th Av., 50th and 51st Sts.



the *Old Cathedral* (St. Patrick's church) at Mott and Prince Sts., now in the center of an Italian population; it is underlaid by vaults (but burials have ceased), where Charles O'Connor, John Kelly, Judge Brady, and many prominent citizens and prelates of the last generation are interred. Next oldest are *St. Mary's* (near Grand St. Ferry); *St. Joseph's*, *St. James'*, and *St. Andrew's*. Some notable churches are *Epiphany* (373 Second Av.), lately presided over by Dr. Burtzell; *Immaculate Conception* (505 E. 14th St.), where the Rev. John Edwards is pastor; *St. Joseph's* (59 Sixth Av.), the parish of the late Father Farrell, celebrated as an anti-slavery preacher and writer before and during the Civil War. Churches distinguished by race are: *Mount Carmel* (447 E. 115th St.), Italian; *St. Benedict the Moor* (210 Bleecker St.), African; *St. Vincent de Paul* (127 W. 23d St.), French; *Immaculate Conception* (Morrisania), *St. Joseph's* (E. 87th St. near First Av.), *St. Joseph's* (Ninth Av. and 125th St.), *St. Mary Magdalen* (17th St. and Av. B), German; and *St. Stanislaus* (43 Stanton St.), Polish. Vicar-General Mooney's church, is that of the *Sacred Heart* (447 W. 51st St.); and Dr. Brann's is *St. Agnes* (143 E. 43d St.). The Jesuits, besides the magnificent new church of *St. Ignatius* (84th St. and Park Av.), have an imposing church and college dedicated to *St. Francis Xavier* in 16th St. near Sixth Av.; and the Dominican's church is *St. Vincent Ferrer*, Lexington Av. and 66th St. *All Saints*, Madison Av., corner E. 129th St., is the most noted R. C. church in Harlem; but the most fashionable church of the city, next to the Cathedral, is probably *St. Stephen's*, 140 E. 28th St., formerly in charge of Doctor McGlynn, of which Dr. C. H. Colton is now pastor.

### THE CATHEDRAL.

The Cathedral on Fifth Av., between 50th and 51st Sts., should not be omitted from the list of places strangers ought to visit in New York. Its projector was the late Archbishop John Hughes, and the architect was James Renwick. All the designing and execution of the work, mechanical and artistic, was done in New York, except certain adornments, hereafter mentioned. The corner-stone was laid on August 15, 1858, in the presence of 100,000 persons, who had room to stand on the adjacent lots, then vacant. On May 25, 1879, the structure was dedicated by Cardinal McCloskey, who died in 1885.

From an elaborate account written by the architect, we learn that this cathedral is an example of the decorated and geometric style of



Gothic architecture which prevailed in Europe from 1275 to 1400, and of which the cathedral of Cologne and the nave of Westminster are advanced exponents; and that although Europe can boast larger ones, for purity of style, originality of design, harmony of proportions, beauty of material, and finish of workmanship, New York Cathedral stands unsurpassed.



From the original architects' drawing.

Courtesy of Helms & La Farge.

#### CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE.

The Protestant Episcopal Cathedral now being built on Morning Side Heights at 113th St. will be unsurpassed in grandeur by any in the world. Services are now held in the crypt.

*Other Religious Organizations.*

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION—  
23d Street Branch.

A great number of missionary and religious societies, both non-sectarian and denominational, have their headquarters in this city. Some of these are national in character; others purely local. The great center of Protestant evangelical labor and influence of this kind is **Bible House**, an immense brick edifice, seven stories high and occupying a whole block, bounded by Fourth Av., 8th St., Third Av., and 9th St. This building was erected in 1852 by the American Bible Society, an organization which began to print and diffuse the Scriptures in 1816, and has since distributed nearly 50,000,000 copies of the Bible, or important sections of it, in almost every recognized tongue. Here are the headquarters of the society and a printing office, bindery, etc., employing 500

persons, where the Scriptures are printed in many languages.

The **Young Men's Christian Association** in New York is in a flourishing condition and owns a large building at 215 W. 23d St. The interior is divided into a reception-room, reading-room, parlors, lecture and concert hall (with a seating capacity of 1,400), lecture-rooms, class-rooms, library, gymnasium, bowling alley, and baths. On the top floor artists' studios are rented. The building is open to visitors all day, the library may be used by strangers, and religious gatherings are held daily. The association sustains several

branches in Second Av. and other parts of the city, of which the most notable is the Railroad branch, which occupies a handsome building near the Grand Central Depot, given by Cornelius Vanderbilt. The Young Men's Institute at 222-4 Bowery and the West Side branch in W. 57th St. are worth a visit.

**The Young Women's Christian Association** occupies a beautiful home at No. 7 E. 15th St., and devotes itself to helping in every way the young working women of the city. It has a library and many other features which will make it an interesting object to ladies visiting the city, who can obtain lodgings and restaurant meals here.

**The Salvation Army** has its American headquarters in a tall building erected in 1894 at 120 W. 14th St. It has other halls or stations for meetings, residence, etc., at 27th St. and Third Av.; Lexington Av. and 125th St.; 323 Bleecker St., etc.

**The American Volunteers**, who seceded from the Salvation Army in 1895, have their headquarters, under Ballington Booth, at Fourth Av. and 16th St., where their *Gazette* is published.

Other religious institutions having houses in New York include the following:

*The Christian Alliance and International Missionary Alliance*, 690 Eighth Av., carries on evangelical work all over the world. *The International Order of King's Daughters and Sons*, an unsectarian "religious order of service," has its Central Council at 156 Fifth Av. *The Brotherhood of St. Andrew* (Protestant Episcopal) has an office at 281 Fourth Av. *The White Cross Society*, Dr. I. F. DaCosta, president, is at 224 Waverley Pl. *The Door of Hope*, for the regeneration of fallen women, has its central home at 102 E. 61st St.

### **Hospitals and Charities.**

**Hospitals and Public Charities.**—New York is justly proud of its hospitals, and any stranger suffering illness or accident in the city ought at once to place himself in one of them rather than remain at a hotel or boarding-house.

**Bellevue.**—This is the most widely known hospital in America. It stands at the foot of E. 26th St., and is a long, grayish, four-story, prison-like structure, situated in a block which extends to the East River, and is inclosed by a high, forbidding stone wall. It was established in 1826, and is under control of the Department of Charities which is permitted to expend upon it about \$100,000 a year. For many years it has been famous for the high medical and surgical skill of which it is the theater, its faculty embracing many leading

members of the profession in the city." Admission of patients (between 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.), is procurable upon the recommendation of a physician, but contagious diseases are refused; accidents and sudden illness, at any time of day or night. Hours for visitors, from 11 a. m. to 3 p. m. Within the grounds is the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, founded in 1861; it has taken a high rank, and has now about 500 students.

*The Morgue* is another object of gruesome interest at Bellevue. It is a small, one-story building. In an inner room, protected by a partition of glass, the unknown and unclaimed dead lie outstretched, almost nude, upon marble slabs, and under the drip of icy water.

Near Bellevue is the *Emergency Hospital*, 223 E. 26th St., for the relief of persons taken suddenly ill, and women on their way to Maternity Hospital. Other emergency hospitals are *Gouverneur*, in Gouverneur Slip; the *Fordham Reception Hospital*, 2456 Valentine Av., and the *House of Relief*, 67 Hudson St.

The *New York Hospital* is next in popularity, and the oldest in the city. The office and residence is at No. 8 W. 16th St. But in 1877 there was opened in the rear of this office, a magnificent structure facing W. 15th St. (near Fifth Av.), having every modern device for health and comfort. This hospital also maintains a branch "house of relief," for cases of accident or sudden illness, at 67 Hudson St. This branch, as well as the main establishment, has ambulances, and gives free treatment in emergency cases.

**Other Hospitals.**—*Roosevelt*, at 59th St. and Ninth Av., is constructed on the pavilion plan, and is of great size and excellence. *St. Luke's Hospital*, on Morningside Heights, is under the care of the Protestant Episcopal Church, but makes no distinction as to its patients. Another great semi-denominational hospital is the *Presbyterian*, Madison Av. and 70th St., where nine-tenths of the patients pay no money. Several hospitals and dispensaries are under Roman Catholic auspices, such as *St. Vincent's*, 149 W. 11th St. (visitors, Tuesdays and Fridays, 3 to 5 p. m.); *St. Francis'*, 605 5th St., with *St. Joseph's*, a branch of the same, in Carmansville; and *St. Elizabeth's*, 415 W. 51st St. No distinction as to religion or race is made between applicants in any of these institutions. Several hospitals are intended especially for women and children, the largest of which is the *Woman's Hospital of the State of New York*, which receives many paying patients from other States.



The institutions over which the Departments of Charities and Correction have control are on islands in the East River, whose large buildings are so conspicuous in passing up or down that river in a steamboat. The most important and most southern of the group is *Blackwell's Island*, the lower end of which is opposite 50th St. Upon it are the great penitentiary, to which go offenders convicted in the police courts and reported as "sent to the island;" also the almshouse, workhouse, several asylums, special hospitals, and the great Charity Hospital.

**Ward's Island**, next above, contains the insane asylum and some other buildings, and the institutions for the care of sick or incapable immigrants.

**Randall's Island**, north of Ward's and at the mouth of Harlem River, contains the idiot asylum and several hospitals and schools for children. On *Hart's Island* is another insane asylum; and on *North Brother Island* the hospitals for contagious diseases.

**Private Philanthropies.**—The *Charity Organization Society*, composed of the representatives of many of the charitable associations in the city, exercises a general watchfulness over philanthropic labors in New York, and enables efforts toward doing good and suppressing evil to gain the strength of united and organized direction. The *State Charities Aid Association* supervises philanthropic work throughout the whole State, and promotes reforms by legislative means and otherwise. In New York County there are committees to visit the various departments of Bellevue and other hospitals and the institutions for the poor and insane on Ward's, Blackwell's, Randall's, and Hart's islands. Another committee is the managing board of the Training School for Nurses; and it is a branch of this association which has placed the big boxes seen in ferry houses and depots for the reception of the newspapers, books, and magazines which you have finished reading. The publications collected every day are distributed not only to hospitals and other institutions, but also to lighthouses and lonely life-saving stations. These two supervisory societies work cordially together and do immense service; and the office of both is in the magnificent building on the corner of Fourth Av. and 22d St., erected by John S. Kennedy in 1893 as a headquarters for benevolent societies and agencies.

Of the private institutions for general assistance to the poor, none are more widely known than the *Five Points House of Industry* and the *Five Points Mission*, which stand across the street from

each other at the Five Points, which is only a short walk from Broadway, through Worth St. Both were established about 1850, when that locality was the most vicious in the city. Now it is safe, quiet, and reasonably clean; and these missions, more than anything else, are entitled to credit for the change. Both of them assist the destitute of all classes, and find enough to occupy them within a very few blocks. They support missionaries among the tenement-house people, provide food, clothing, and necessities for applicants thought worthy; maintain large schools, and provide for the health, education, etc., of great numbers of poor and neglected children, hundreds of whom are sent annually to homes in the interior of the country. The mission is now enjoying a new and much enlarged building. *The Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor* (105 E. 22d St.), assists 20,000 or more carefully investigated cases annually. *The Hebrew Society for the Improvement of the Sanitary Condition of the Poor* (103 W. 55th St.) is another noteworthy agency in ameliorating the suffering in over-crowded tenements.

The long list of special asylums and societies for the benefit of special classes of unfortunates, as the blind, deaf-mutes, orphans, etc., can not be given here. Lists of them can be found in the City Directory, or in the special Directory of the Charity Org. Society. A few words should be spared, however, in reference to the group of

**Humane Societies.**—Of these the most widely known is the *Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals*, founded by the late Henry Bergh, for it has branches in all principal cities in the United States and Canada. Its headquarters are now in a handsome stone edifice at the corner of Madison Av. and 26th St., where *Our Animal Friends* is also published. There is an agency in Brooklyn. The object of the society is the enforcement of the laws relating to the protection of and to prevent cruelty to animals in all parts of the United States. It has a staff of officers, uniformed much like policemen, who patrol the streets and have power to make arrests, and whose badge is a large silver shield stamped with the seal and name of the society. It also maintains a number of ambulances in which disabled horses are removed from any place where they may fall to a place where they may be cured.

The *Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children* is a powerful organization now housed in the splendid new building lately erected for it at 23d St. and Fourth Av. by Elbridge T. Gerry, its president. Its object is the enforcement of laws relating to children.

their protection against and rescue from oppression and evil influences, and their help when in need.

The *Society for the Suppression of Vice* is managed by Mr. Anthony Comstock, and directs its attention mainly to the detection and seizure of obscene literature and the punishment of offenders under the laws against gambling; office, 41 Park Row. The *Society for the Prevention of Crime* is presided over by the Rev. Dr. Parkhurst and has a very similar scope; office, 105 E. 22d St. Other important philanthropic associations are: Actors' Fund, 112 W. 42d St.; Baptist Home Mission, 111 Fifth Av.; Female Guardian Society and Home for the Friendless, 29 E. 29th St.; Kindergarten Society, 70 Fifth Av.; Sabbath Union, 203 Broadway; Seamen's Friend Society, 76 Wall St.; Sunday School Union, 111 Fifth Av.; Association for Befriending Women and Young Girls, 136 Second Av.; Association Fraterna Italiana, 64 S. Washington Sq.; Bowery Mission, 55 Bowery; Catholic Sailors' Friends, 178 Christopher St.; Cercle Francais L'Amitie, 440 Sixth Av.; Children's Aid Society, 105 E. 22d St.; City Vigilance League, 105 E. 22d St.; Civil Service Reform Association, 79 Wall St.; College Settlement Association, 95 Rivington St.; Consumers' League, 120 E. 34th St.; Lutheran Emigrant Mission, 8 State St.; Evangelical Alliance, 105 E. 22d St.; German Missions, 6 and 27 State St.; Irish Emigrant Society, 51 Chambers St.; Jewish Immigrants Protective Society, 210 E. 118th St.; Ladies' Health Protective Association, 105 E. 22d St.; Legal Aid Society, 239 Broadway; Working Girls' Societies, 244 W. 26th St.; Penny Provident Fund, 101 E. 22d St.; Provident Loan Society; 279 Fourth Av.; Typothetæ, 320 Broadway; United Hebrew Charities, 356 Second Av.; Working Women's Protective Union, 312 W. 54th St.

## IX.

### EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, LIBRARIES, ETC.

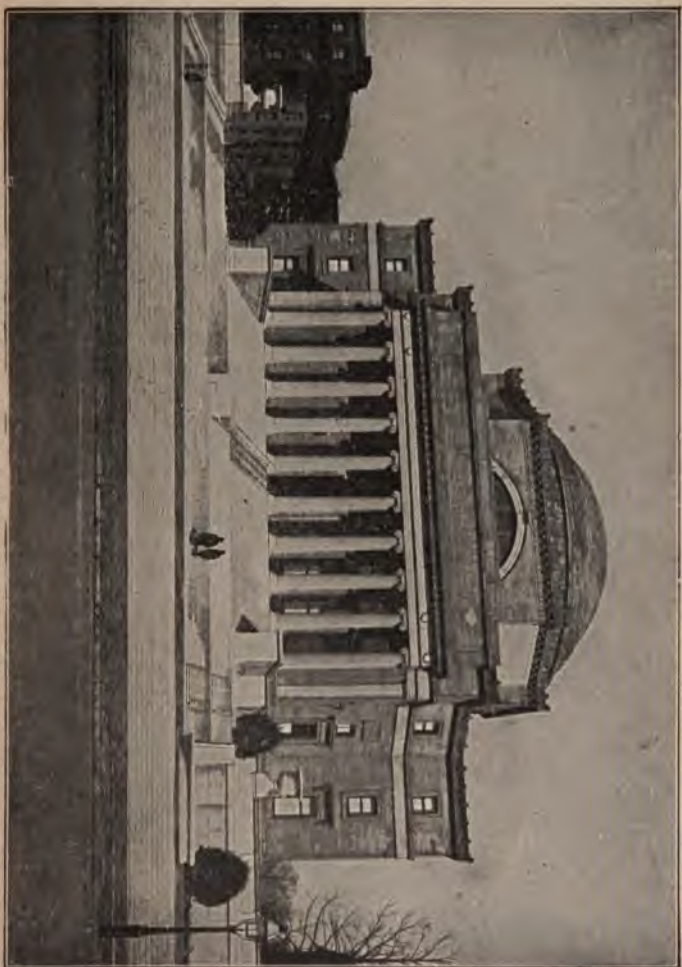
#### *Public Schools.*

The public school system of the city consists of graded schools, evening schools, corporate schools (industrial schools, reformatories, orphan asylums, etc.), the nautical school on the *St. Mary*, the Normal College and the College of the City of New York, and several high schools, notably that for boys at 60 West 13th St. The total now exceeds 400 schools, and it is constantly being amplified, yet loud complaints are heard of the inadequacy of the accommodations. The whole system is under control of the Board of Education, at 490 Park Av. It comprises every phase of school life, from the kindergarten and truant schools to the College of the City of New York and the Normal College for training teachers, and has to provide for not less than half a million ordinary pupils, daily, as well as for the necessary instructors and buildings.

The attendance at school of children between the ages of 8 and 12 years is compulsory for the entire school year; that of children between 12 and 16 for only a part of the year, if otherwise employed and wage-earners. Free evening and vacation schools are also sustained by the city. The school buildings are distributed all over town, and many of them will seem very dreary abodes to visiting teachers, but the situation is a necessity of city-crowding. Such persons will find schools which in appearance, equipment, discipline, and thoroughness will well repay a visit, at 104th St. and Amsterdam Av., and at 134th St. and Lenox Av.

The College of the City of New York is open free to all young men residing in this city, and prepared at the city schools, and it offers both a literary-classical and a scientific course, each four years in length. There is also a mechanical course of instruction, and a post-graduate course in engineering. The total number of students





THE LIBRARY OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY--116th Street, between Amsterdam Avenue and Boulevard.

approaches 900, only one-third of whom are engaged in classical studies. This college occupies the large, turreted brick building on the southeastern corner of 23d St. and Lexington Av., which contains a cabinet of natural history, a library of 25,000 volumes, and much laboratory apparatus.

**The Normal College**, for young women, is a free institution sustained by the city, corresponding with the last mentioned, and intended especially for training girls to serve as teachers. It has an immense monastic-looking building in 69th St., between Fourth and Lexington Aves., which cost \$500,000. Most of its graduates enter the service of the city as teachers. The curriculum includes Latin, physics and chemistry, German, natural science, French, drawing, music, etc. Some years ago a five years' classical course was inaugurated, which entitles students at graduation to the degree of A. B. A model or training school is erected in the rear, in which pupil-teachers have an opportunity to supplement their theoretic studies with the practical. The morning exercises in the chapel at 9 o'clock are open to the public. Take Fifth Av. stages or Fourth or Lexington Av. electric-cars to 69th St., or the Third Av. El. Ry. to 67th St.

All of the above mentioned schools and institutions are free, and are under control of the Board of Education.

### *Columbia University.*

Columbia University is the foremost institution of higher learning in New York, and one of the foremost in the United States. It began in 1754, as King's College, under a charter from the English crown and by aid of money raised mainly in England. The Trinity Church corporation took an interest in it from the start, and presently made it a grant of land between what is now College Place and North River, from the sale or rental of which a large part of the University's income has since been derived. During the Revolution its sessions were interrupted and its buildings appropriated to the use of the troops. After that war the Legislature of the State made a grant of land and reincorporated it as Columbia College, under a board of regents, afterward changed to twenty-four self-perpetuating trustees. The institution erected buildings on College Place and occupied them until 1857, when the College was moved to its third home between 49th and 50th Sts., east of Madison Av. This was outgrown in a generation or so, and, in 1897, was abandoned for what is con-

sidered a permanent home on Morningside Heights. The grounds now cover nearly eighteen acres between the Boulevard and Amsterdam Avenue, from 116th to 120th St.; it was formerly occupied by the Bloomingdale Insane Asylum, and cost \$2,000,000. The buildings occupy a high, leveled site, facing southerly, and ultimately will form a quadrangle, nearly surrounding the Library. Only a few now exist. The *Library*, whose great gray dome is a stately feature in the landscape, was erected at the cost (about \$1,000,000) of Seth Low, President of the University 1890-1902, as a memorial to his father, the late A. A. Low of this city. It is a cruciform building, having an Ionic colonnade in front and a noble entry between pillars of dark, polished Irish marble. The interior is a rotunda open to the dome, which will be used as a reading room, while the surrounding parts of the building are devoted to the books, and to various other purposes, including, at present, many recitation-rooms. The sixteen pillars of the rotunda are of Vermont syenite, with gilded Ionic capitals. In the rear of this building is the beginning of University Hall, the basement stories only of which are finished. These contain the powerhouse, a tier of business offices, and the extensive and highly modern gymnasium and athletic appliances. A noble superstructure is to be erected here, containing various offices and halls, and the academic theater, occupying the semicircular, apse-like rear part. Four laboratory buildings are now completed and in service. Schermerhorn Hall, next east of University Hall, is devoted to biological sciences, and contains, besides laboratories and lecture-rooms, an interesting *museum of natural history*, open to the public. Beside it are the Physics Building, Earl, South, and Fayerweather Halls, Havemeyer Hall, devoted to chemistry, and the Engineering Building, containing the machinery needed in practical instruction. The outer (Boulevard) front of the latter building bears a spirited-bronze *memorial tablet*, modeled by James E. Kelly, to Knowlton and the Battle of Harlem Heights, which was fought about here Sept. 16, 1776.

The five "colleges" or departments of the University now established are: 1. Arts. 2. Science. 3. Law. 4. Political Science. 5. Medicine. The *College of Arts* is the oldest and central department, and embraces the classical and literary curriculum usual in a collegiate course of four years. The *Department of Science* now embraces all that used to constitute the almost separate "School of Mines," long famous in the history of Columbia, and so much of the other courses as touch its province. A four years' course will give degrees

of Mining Engineer, Civil Engineer, Metallurgical Engineer, and Bachelor of Philosophy. For the degree of Doctor of Philosophy there is a post-graduate course of two years. *The Law School* has quarters in the Library, and a large attendance; its course is two years. *The Department of Political Science* offers a three-years' course in the broadest scope of political economy, conferring the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. *The Department of Medicine* is better known as "The College of Physicians and Surgeons." It occupies extensive buildings on 60th St., between Ninth and Tenth Aves., close to Roosevelt Hospital, in which (and in other hospitals) much of the instruction is given. These buildings, and the affiliated Maternity Hospital, near by, are due to the gifts of various members of the Vanderbilt family; while Edwin Gould, of the class of '88, has erected for the University a fine boat-house at the foot of West 115th St. (North River). The University now has some 60 members of the faculty and nearly 2,000 students.

**The Barnard Annex** is the name of a course of study for women, parallel with that of undergraduates in the School of Arts, for which a fine building has been prepared at the Boulevard and 120th St. Its graduates receive diplomas equivalent to University degrees.

**The Teacher's College and Horace Mann School** is a large institution on the north side of 120th St., for instruction with special reference to preparation for teaching; and it is closely affiliated with Columbia.

### *University of the City of New York.*

This institution is stronger than its comparatively narrow reputation would lead an outsider to suppose. Its lack of recognition in the past is largely due to the fact that its quarters have been scattered, so that it has made little visible impression by means of imposing halls and a broad campus, as is the wont of colleges. Its original and main building was the castellated and historic structure which had stood for sixty years at the northeastern corner of Washington Square; but that was demolished in 1894, and is now replaced by a tall, modern structure, whose top floors only will be occupied by the University. Here have been fixed the offices of the administration, the *Law School* (hitherto one of the strong points), and the *School of Pedagogy*.

The various undergraduate schools and departments of *Arts and Sciences* which form the nucleus of the institution, however, are



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quartered in a series of new buildings, approaching completion, upon an extensive scale, within an elevated park-like inclosure on the east bank of the Harlem River, near Kingsbridge, which include a *Hall of Fame*, 500 feet long, built about the Library, containing 150 panels in which ultimately will be fixed bronze tablets, commemorating great and famous Americans. It was the gift of Miss Helen Gould.

*The Union Theological Seminary*, now in academic relation to the University, occupies a building at Fourth Av. and 69th St. This widely known school was founded in 1836, and is the principal place of training for ministers of the Presbyterian church, but its students may come from any evangelical denomination, so long as they can show a certificate of good church standing. The library is founded upon a gift of 13,000 volumes by L. Van Ess, and now contains about 60,000 books and nearly 50,000 pamphlets and manuscripts. As would be expected it is very rich in rare and ancient theological books and MSS., specimens of early Bibles, first printings, and rare tracts.

*The Faculty of Medicine* occupies spacious buildings at the foot of E. 26th St., and contiguous to Bellevue Hospital (which see). These buildings (whose two amphitheaters, together, will seat 1,000 pupils) are modern and admirably adapted to their purposes. Attached is the Loomis Laboratory, the cost of which (\$100,000) was defrayed by an unknown friend on condition that his name be kept secret, and the laboratory be directed and named after Dr. Alfred Loomis. Much of the instruction is given in the wards and lecture rooms of Bellevue, and it is consequently of a very practical character.

### *Miscellaneous Institutions.*

*The Cooper Union, or Institute*, is an enormous building at the head of the Bowery, where Fourth Av. branches off to the left and Third Av. to the right. It was erected by the late Peter Cooper in 1857, at a cost of \$630,000, and endowed with \$300,000 for the support of the free reading-room and library. The purpose is philanthropic, and embraces day and evening schools of various kinds. Besides those which have a regular academic course, there are art schools for men and women, free school of telegraphy and of type-writing for women, and other special departments. As the thousands of pupils who attend these classes are drawn almost entirely from the people who must work, all of the instruction tends to the practical. (See p. 187.)

**Roman Catholic Institutions.**—Of these the leading college is St. Francis Xavier's, whose beautiful new building next to St. F. Xavier's Church, in West 16th St., near Sixth Av., is one of the architectural ornaments of the city. This is a day college, in charge of the Jesuit Fathers, and numbers about 450 students, who come daily from their homes to the class-rooms. It has a reference library of 20,000 volumes and a small circulating library. Another able institution under charge of the same pedagogical order is St. John's College, at Fordham, a station on the Harlem R. R., at the extreme northeastern edge of the city, where the spacious and beautiful grounds of Rose Hill surround the school. Manhattan College is a third strong R. C. school, situated in Manhattanville and reached by the cars. The great Academy of the Sacred Heart, one of the oldest and best known Catholic schools for girls, is also in Manhattanville; and another noted convent school is that of Mt. St. Vincent, on the Hudson River, above Riverdale, a branch of which is maintained by the Sisters of Charity, in 17th St., between Fifth and Sixth Avenues.

### *Libraries and Reading-Rooms.*

**The New York Public Library** at present includes two reference branches — the Astor and the Lenox — and the twenty-eight branch libraries of the circulating department enumerated on following pages. The reference branches will be replaced by the large central building now in process of erection for the library by the city on Bryant Park, fronting on Fifth Av. The official name of the library is "The New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox, and Tilden foundations." The consolidation of these foundations was effected under the State laws of 1892 and 1895, and in December of that year Dr. John Shaw Billings, U. S. A. (retired), was chosen director. At the time of the consolidation the Astor Library owned its site and buildings in Astor Place, had an endowment fund of about \$941,000, producing an annual income of about \$47,000, and contained 267,147 volumes. The Lenox Library owned its site and building on Fifth Av., had an endowment fund of \$505,500, producing an annual income of \$20,500, and contained about 86,000 volumes. The Tilden Trust possessed Mr. Tilden's private library in his late residence, containing about 20,000 volumes, and an endowment fund estimated at \$2,000,000, making the total number of volumes in the New York Public Library 373,147 and the total endowment fund about \$3,446,500.

**The Astor Branch** is the most popular consulting library in the city. It occupies a substantial building of brown stone and brick, in the Romanesque style, and now contains the office of the directors of the Public Library and the other administrative offices except those of the circulating department. It was founded by the will of John Jacob Astor, who died in 1848, leaving \$400,000 for that purpose. His son, William B. Astor, added upward of \$550,000 to this endowment; and his grandson, the late John Jacob Astor, gave about \$700,000 more.

This library is open from 9 A. M. until 6 P. M.—but never in the evening—and is used by some 125,000 readers of all types annually, from the most casual idler in literature to the most learned and indefatigable investigators. Students in the higher schools and institutions of learning and active journalists form a large class of its patrons. Within the entrance, on the ground floor, is a large hall adorned by marble busts of Roman heroes copied from the antique. Here a warden requires you to leave in his care any books or packages you may be carrying, and also your cane or umbrella, and he gives you a check for them. Ascending the marble staircase to the second floor, you arrive in the lofty central hall and find yourself surrounded by alcoves of books supported upon galleries and rising to a great height on every side. Right and left, arches open into spacious wings of similar structure, where long tables and scores of armchairs are set for readers. In the main hall some tables are especially reserved for ladies, but there is no impropriety in their going into the other rooms if they please. A large number of current periodicals and cyclopedic, historical, and general reference works may be consulted freely; and any person, by writing upon the small blank furnished him the titles and shelf-numbers of any other books, and his name and address, can have the use during the day of as many books as he needs. No books are ever lent out of the building. Volumes of printed catalogues lie near the office desks, and also an admirable card catalogue; and you should look up in one or the other of these the name of each book asked for, in order to put upon your card the library's "shelf-number," which will be found written on the catalogue margin opposite each title. Having handed in your slip, you wait until the book is delivered to you. The Astor Library is well lighted through the roof, and is well warmed and ventilated; toilet-rooms are attached, and altogether it is one of the pleasantest places for study in the country. The librarian and his assistants are

not only learned, but full of kindness in assisting readers; and they give out about 400,000 volumes each year—three-fourths of the total number of books now possessed by the Astor. The total capacity of the upper halls is about 300,000, but there is storage for 200,000 more on the ground floor. Among the treasures are rare MSS. in Greek and Latin, given by Mr. Astor, and the elephantine volume of chants used at the coronation of the French kings for many years, superbly illuminated with vignettes by well-known early French artists.

All the current magazines and trade journals will be found in the south hall, and back volumes may be had on application to the librarian in charge.

**The Lenox Branch** (Fifth Av. and 70th St.) is a treasure-house of sculptures, paintings, ceramic and other kinds of artistic production (see ART); and of manuscripts, rare and curious specimens of early printing and binding, and costly and unusual editions, the gift to the city of the late James Lenox. It is now open to the public all day for study or reading, and contains all the Public Library works on certain subjects, as music and early American history.

The building was begun in 1870. Of the most precious books, a very large number are specimens of the first products of the typographic art, first editions, Bibles, Shakespeariana, and Americana. There are also copies of every known edition of Walton's "Angler," of Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," and of nearly every known edition of Milton. A great number of exceedingly valuable MSS. and illuminated books on vellum are present. The collection of Bibles includes a perfect copy of the so-called "Mazarin" Bible—the product of Gutenberg and Faust at Mainz, about 1445—and five copies of Eliot's Indian Bible.

Examples of these Bibles, and many of the curiosities further mentioned, are displayed in glass table-cases, where they can be examined almost as well as if held in the hand. These cases contain specimens of the very first imprints of both Europe and America. There are many "block books," for example, representing the stage of printing before the invention of movable types, when, after the fashion of the Chinese, a page was cut on a wooden block—among them two copies of the "Biblia Pauperum," a small folio of 40 leaves, the most celebrated of this class of books and supposed to have been executed about 1430. Caxton's press is represented by no less than seven specimens, one of which is a fragment of Fevre's "Recuyell of the Histories of Troye," issued at Bruges about 1474, being the first book



printed in the English language. A copy of this has been sold for over \$5,000. There are also copies of the "Doctrina Christiana," one of the earliest products of the Roman Catholic press in Mexico—the first press on the American continent—and of the "Bay Psalm Book," the first book printed within the territory of the United States, dated Cambridge, 1640. As to modern books, the library is especially rich in bibliophilistic gems, fine bindings, and books of illustrations and the illustrative arts.

Art galleries occupy the second and third floors and contain about 150 pictures, including many of great note. Among these are a portrait, considered an original, of John Bunyan; one portrait of Washington by James Peale, three by Rembrandt Peale, and one (full length) by Gilbert Stuart. Here is Munkacsy's great picture, "Blind Milton Dictating 'Paradise Lost,'" which was the masterpiece of the Paris Exposition of 1878, and has been so often engraved. There is one Andrea del Sarto, "Tobit and the Angel"; one Delaroche, "The Field of Battle"; one Gainsborough, called "A Romantic Woody Landscape"; one Horace Vernet, "The Siege of Saragossa"; several Wilkies, Verboeckhovens, Gilbert Stuarts, Reynoldses, and Leslies; two Copleys, and a like number of Turners. The Turners are "A Scene on the French Coast, with an English Ship of War Stranded," painted in 1831; and "Staffa, Fingal's Cave," first exhibited in 1832, and bought from the artist for Mr. Lenox by Leslie in 1845. There are also several statues, busts, and cases of pottery, etc. Here is also located the print department of the Public Library.

**Circulating Department.** This includes twenty-eight branches for the free circulation of books, besides a department of traveling libraries, having altogether on their shelves about half a million volumes and circulating them at the rate of about four million a year. The names and locations of the branches are as follows:

Arranged in order of location from South to North.

\**East Broadway, 33* (Chatham Sq. Branch).

*East Broadway, 197* (East Broadway Branch).

*Eldridge St., 184* (University Settlement).

*Bond St., 49* (Bond St. Branch).

\**10th St., 331 East* (Tompkins Sq. Branch).

*Second Av., 135* (Ottendorfer Branch).

*13th St., 251 West* (Jackson Sq. Branch).

*22d St., 230 East* (Epiphany Branch).

\*Occupying Carnegie buildings.

*23d St., 130 West* (Muhlenberg Branch).

*34th St., 215 East* (34th St. Branch).

*40th St., 501 West* (St. Raphael Branch).

*42d St., 226 West* (George Bruce Branch).

*50th St., 123 East* (Cathedral Branch).

*51st St., 463 West* (Sacred Heart Branch).

*59th St., 113 East* (59th St. Branch).

*\*67th St., 328 East* (67th St. Branch).

*\*Amsterdam Av., 190* Riverside Branch).

*76th St., 538 East* (Webster Branch).

*\*79th St., 222 East* (Yorkville Branch).

*Broadway, 2279* (St. Agnes Branch).

*Amsterdam Av., 536* (Corner 86th St.).

*100th St., 206 West* (Bloomingdale Branch).

*110th St., 174 East* (Aguilar Branch).

*123d St., 32 West* (The Harlem Library).

*\*125th St., 224 East* (125th St. Branch).

*St. Nicholas Av., 922* (Washington Heights Branch).

*\*Tottenville, Borough of Richmond* (Tottenville Branch).

*Library for the Blind, 121 West 91st St.*

*Traveling Libraries, 190 Amsterdam Av.*; basement entrance.

*Office of the Department, 226 West 42d St.* Telephone, 3934 38th St.

Hours: The branches, with the exceptions noted below, are open from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. on week days.

Branches in Carnegie buildings (at present the Yorkville, Chatham Sq., 125th St., Tompkins Sq., Tottenville, 67th St., and Riverside branches) are open full hours on all legal holidays.

The other branches are closed during the entire day on New Year's Day, Decoration Day, the Fourth of July, Presidential Election Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day; after 6 P. M. on Washington's Birthday and Christmas Eve; and on Election Day (when not Presidential) after 5 P. M.

The Library for the Blind is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, from 1 P. M. to 4 P. M.

The East Broadway Branch is closed from 5 P. M. on Fridays till 6 P. M. on Saturdays and is open on Sundays.

The branch in the University Settlement Building is open from 1.30 to 5.30 and 7.30 to 9.30 P. M.

The Epiphany Branch is open from 2.30 to 9 P. M.

\*Occupying Carnegie buildings.

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Most of these branches were acquired by consolidation. The New York Free Circulating Library (consolidated in 1901) furnished eleven, the Aguilar (1903) four, the Cathedral (1905) five, and other smaller institutions one each. In 1901 Andrew Carnegie gave the city of New York \$5,200,000 for the erection of branch libraries. Of these, fifty are to be erected by the New York Public Library, all in the three boroughs of Manhattan, the Bronx, and Richmond. Up to March 1, 1905, seven had been built and opened—namely, those starred in the foregoing list—while about ten others were in course of construction and about twenty-five sites had been secured. By the condition of the gift, the city furnishes sites and agrees to maintain the libraries, which are constructed and administered by the Public Library. Each of the Carnegie buildings contains a large adults' circulating room, circulating and reading-room for children and a public newspaper and periodical reading-room.

The office of the circulating department, pending the completion of the Central Library, is at 226 West 42d St. The chief of the department is Arthur E. Bostwick, Ph. D.

**The Cooper Union Library and Reading Room** (three minutes' walk from the Astor Library) forms one of the strongest features of that great institution (*q. v.*), and one which Mr. Cooper felt to be so important that he endowed it with a fund of \$300,000. It occupies an immense room on the third floor, the walls of which are lined with shelves of books, each in a jacket of strong paper. Long tables are supplied for readers of books and magazines, which are given out from a desk, on deposit of the metal check which every one who enters must accept and must return when he leaves the room. The library contains about 20,000 volumes, principally practical and instructive; and is noted as the possessor of a complete set of both the old and new series of Patent Office reports, which are consulted yearly by almost 2,000 persons. Each volume has been carefully indexed, making them invaluable for reference. The library is open in the evening and then is crowded by a class of readers who have no time during the day to spend in gathering information or in taking intellectual amusement. More interesting to the stranger, however, will be the sight of the long tables and racks filled with newspapers and periodicals and pored over by crowds of men and boys, generally poorly

dressed, often dirty, but all orderly, quiet, and eager to read. This is one of the sights of the city, and the visitor will easily accept the statement that between 450 and 460 newspapers and periodicals are taken in here.

Few of the other libraries in the city will repay a visit by the casual observer. The Apprentices', 18 W. 16th St., has nearly 100,000 volumes, which were formerly circulated among the public, but are now used only by members.

The Mercantile Library occupies rooms in its new building at Lafayette Place and 8th St., and owns over 200,000 volumes of general interest, new books being added as fast as issued. The ordinary fee is \$5 annually, or \$3 for six months. The public are admitted only to the outer office, which contains nothing to interest the sight-seer. Other libraries which might be added to this list would interest specialists only and need not be expatiated upon in this book, except to say that a *law library* is open to public inspection in Rooms 116-122, Post-office Building. Besides more than 30,000 legal works, this library contains portraits of Thomas Addis Emmet, Chancellor Kent, and Judge Greene C. Bronson, and busts of James T. Brady and John Anthon. Among the books are many very rare copies of law reports, a few books belonging to Alexander Hamilton and containing numerous entries in his handwriting, a note-book of Lord Hardwicke, and the cases and opinions of Charles O'Connor.

The Society Library, University Place and 12th St., is another large private circulating library, very rich in books of art, history, genealogy, and similar lines, and containing some notable portraits and historical mementos.

A full list of 300 or more libraries in the City of New York will be found in a manual published by the New York Library Club.

### *Art Galleries.*

Fine arts have made a very notable advance in New York during the last few years, not only in the direction of exhibition and general popularity, but toward a higher standard of work and more thorough methods of teaching. The one really great public gallery of the city is that of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, which is



described in the general account of that institution (pp. 52-54). The Lenox Library has a small gallery of fine pictures open daily; and the New York Historical Society, Second Av. and 11th St., possesses many portraits, examples of the Dutch masters, and pieces of statuary, to which visitors are admitted by card from a member of the society.



AMERICAN FINE ART SOCIETY.

The principal gathering place of art in the metropolis is The American Fine Art Society, 57th St. between Seventh Av. and Broadway. In its galleries are located The National Society of Mural Painters, The New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, The Society of American Artists, The National Sculpture Society, The American Fine Art Society, The Fine Arts Federation of New York, The New York Water Color Club, The New York Academy of Design, The Society of Beaux Arts Architects, and The Art Students' League.

The Academy holds an exhibition of new paintings in the early spring of each year, and several prizes, ranging from \$100 to \$300 are distributed. During the first two days of the exhibitions, which are known as "varnishing day," and "private view" or "buyers' day," admission can only be obtained by a card of invitation from the sec-

retary, and these are eagerly sought for. During the succeeding weeks the gallery is open to the public from 9 a. m. until 10 p. m. upon payment of an admission fee of 25 cts. There is also an exhibition in the fall, where work less ambitious, but often none the less interesting, is shown to the public.

The **Water Color Society** is closely allied to the Academy of Design. It has no rooms, the secretary's address is Fine Art Society, 215 W. 57th St., N. Y. The object of this society is the advancement of painting in water-colors, and it holds an annual exhibition at the American Art Association, 6 E. 23d St., of the work of its resident members, which occurs in late January or early February, and forms one of the most interesting and important art events of the year. In connection with this exhibition there is a display of the year's results by members of the *Etching Club*.

The Centennial Exhibition gave a great impetus to the fine arts in this country, one result of which has been the establishment in this city within the last fifteen years of a number of promising art societies in addition to these just mentioned. Five of these societies form a group, which have combined their forces into a "Fine Arts Society," intending to be a working institution, as distinguished from a club of painters. It has erected a handsome building, 215 W. 57th St., adapted to exhibitions, schools, and all other needs. In the great gallery of this building, several exhibitions of pictures occur annually, of which the most striking is that in May of the **Society of American Artists**, founded in 1877 by some of the younger men of that time who were not in accord with the policy of the National Academy and thought there was room for a second institution. This building is also the home of the **National Sculpture Society**, and of the **Art Students' League**, a school of instruction in all branches of the graphic arts; each exhibits work once a year.

The purely commercial side of art in New York has much to interest one. At the galleries of the American Art Association, 6 E. 23d St., two exhibitions and sales are held spring and autumn, and often at other times there are special exhibitions of extreme interest, as when Verestchagin showed his collection there in the spring of 1889. The principal art dealers have long been accustomed to add to the pleasures of the public by throwing open their collections of modern paintings, chiefly foreign, which are well worth examination. Auctions of pictures are rarely worth attending, unless some well-known private collection is to be disposed of.



METROPOLITAN CLUB—Northeast corner Fifth Avenue and Sixtieth Street

## X.

### CLUBS AND SOCIETIES.

#### *Social Clubs.*

IN a book of this character the subject of social clubs need not consume much space, since without an invitation from a member nothing more than the outside of the club-houses can be seen by a stranger. In many cases, indeed, there is little to reward curiosity inside, while some, like the Union League, and others of the older and more prominent class, have splendid rooms filled with treasures of art, as well as all the appliances of comfort and luxury, which the modern upholsterer, decorator, and cook are able to supply. Clubs have increased in numbers and expanded in membership and importance with the growth of the city, and will continue to do so.

The following is an alphabetical list of the leading social clubs in New York and Brooklyn, with brief remarks:

*Aldine*, 111 Fifth Av.—Business men.

*Arion*, Park Av. and 59th St.

*Army and Navy*, 16 W. 31st St.—Military men.

*Authors'*, Carnegie Music Hall.—Literary men.

*Calumet*, 267 Fifth Av.—An offshoot from the Union Club.

*Catholic*, 120 W. 59th St.—Its members are Roman Catholics of wealth and social prominence, occupying a spacious and very beautiful club house facing the south side of Central Park.

*Century*, 7 W. 43d St.—The oldest and strongest club in the country having an intellectual object; its members are chosen for their interest and attainments in literature and the fine arts, as well as for social qualities. Strangers are admitted by card to its monthly literary entertainments.

*Church*, 578 Fifth Av.—Episcopalian.

*City*, 19 W. 34th St.—Improvement of municipal government.



*Colonial*, 127 W. 72d St.—A beautiful new house.

*Deutscher Verein* (German Club), 112 W. 59th St. —The most exclusive German society, having an elegant house, a large part of which is open to the ladies of the members' families.

*Democratic*, 617 Fifth Av.—Tammany politicians.

*Down-town Association*, 60 Pine St.—Business men.

*Engineers*, 374 Fifth Av.—Civil engineers, architects, etc.

*Fencers*.—37 W. 22d St.—Sword exercise.

"*Greek Letter*" Clubs, composed of members of college fraternities having Greek names, commonly represented by their initials: Alpha Delta Phi, 35 W. 33d St.; Chi Phi, 2 Wall St.; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 435 Fifth Av.; Delta Phi, 411 W. 117th St.; Delta Psi (St. Anthony), 29 E. 28th St.; Psi Upsilon, 44 W. 44th St.; Phi Gamma Delta, 604 W. 114th St.; Zeta Psi, 148 W. 34th St.

*Harlem*, Lenox Av. and 123d St.—Leading club of Harlem.

*Harmonie*, 45 W. 42d St.—The leading Hebrew social club.

*Harvard*, 27 W. 44th St.—Alumni of Harvard University.

*Knickerbocker*, 319 Fifth Av.—A club of the "gilded youth."

*Lambs'*, 70 W. 36th St.—Actors and men interested in the stage.

*Lawyers*, 120 Broadway.—A luncheon club for lawyers and others doing business down town. It has magnificent rooms.

*Lotos*, 558 Fifth Av.—Composed mainly of writers, actors, artists, and professional men. Monthly art receptions are held during the winter, and a Ladies' Day each month, when music and recitations are added. If you are offered a card to one of the "Saturday Nights," take it and go, for the entertainment will be excellent.

*Manhattan*, Madison Av. and 26th St.—A distinctively political as well as social club, representing the Democratic party, and especially the Cleveland wing. It occupied, until 1899, the mansion of A. T. Stewart, and includes many wealthy and prominent politicians.

*Merchants*, New York Life Ins. Bldg.—A social and commercial club.

*Metropolitan*, Fifth Av. and 60th St.—Composed of men of great wealth, and commonly known as the Millionaires' Club. It is of recent organization, and has a superb marble home facing Central Park, just above the Plaza.

*New York Athletic*, Sixth Av. and 59th St., and New Rochelle.  
*New York*, Fifth Av. and 35th St.—One of the old and exclusive social clubs, composed largely of Wall St. Men. Its house was formerly the home of Governor E. D. Morgan.

*New York Yacht*, 67 Madison Av.—This is the leading American yacht club, and is the custodian for the "America Cup," for international races.

*Ohio Society*, Rooms, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.—Natives or former residents of Ohio, and their sons.

*The Players*, 16 Gramercy Park.—An exclusive club of actors of the highest rank, managers, and professional men. Its house was the gift of the late Edwin Booth, and its library is a priceless collection of dramatic lore, the play-bills gathered by Augustin Daly, the libraries of Edwin Booth and Lawrence Barrett, etc.

*Press*, 34 W. 26th St.—Journalists.

*Progress*, Fifth Av. and 63d St.—A social club of Hebrews.

*Racquet and Tennis*, 27 W. 43d St.—Athletic sports.

*Reform*, 233 Fifth Av.—A social club of men interested in low-tariff measures.

*Republican*, 450 Fifth Av.—A large social club, active in Republican politics.

*Riding*, 7 E. 58th St.—The "swellest" riding and driving club.

*St. Nicholas*, 7 W. 44th St.—An aristocratic club composed exclusively of men whose ancestors resided in New York prior to 1785.

*Salmagundi*, 14 W. 12th St.—Artists exclusively.

*Twelfth Night*, 23 W. 44th St.—Ladies of the dramatic profession.

*Union*, Fifth Av. and 51st St.—The first American club which was formed upon English models and was a real club as the term is now understood. It was founded in 1836, and had a succession of downtown resting places until 1855, when it moved into its present luxurious house. This club has consisted from the very first of the "social magnates of New York," and it is now contemplating removal to an uptown house near Central Park.

*Union League*, Fifth Av. and 39th St.—Although now one of the foremost social clubs, it grew out of an association of leading citizens banded together in 1863 for the support of the Union, and has ever since been a distinctively Republican organization. The present mag-



THE UNION LEAGUE CLUB—Northwest corner Fifth Avenue and  
Thirty-ninth Street.

nificent club house contains as an unusual feature a large art gallery, where extraordinary loan exhibitions are occasionally displayed, and which serves as a hall for entertainments. This club gives monthly receptions, at which new American pictures and foreign pictures loaned by private collectors are exhibited. Admission to these receptions is by card, obtainable from members. A ladies' reception is given annually, and is a brilliant social event.

*University*, Fifth Av. and 54th St.—A new granite palace.

*Women's Press Club*, Carnegie Hall.

*Yale*, 30 W. 44th St.—Alumni of Yale University.

A capital sketch of clubs and club life in old and modern New York was furnished by Mr. Henry L. Nelson, as a supplement to *Harper's Weekly*, for March 15, 1890.

### **Secret Orders.**

All, probably, of the secret orders and societies in the United States have representatives in New York, and for many it is the American headquarters. Several of these stand before the public more in a social aspect, or otherwise, than on account of any secrecy in their proceedings, and are mentioned elsewhere, *e. g.* the "Greek letter societies" of collegians, above. A long list of others may be found in Trow's Directory. The orders of Free Masonry and Odd-Fellows remain for special notice.

**Free Masonry.**—The *Masonic Temple* at Sixth Av. and 23d St. is the headquarters of the Grand Lodge of New York State. It is a lofty granite building, and contains the offices of the Grand Secretary and other grand dignitaries of the Blue lodges. On the right is the large hall of the Grand Lodge of the State, which meets annually in June. The remainder of the year the room is available for assemblies, lectures, preaching, etc. Scattered through the corridors on the upper floors will be noticed cases of Masonic curiosities, such as charters, patents, aprons, scarves, jewels, swords, trowels, etc., of historical value. These, and the portraits and busts of Grand Masters, form a part of the museum attached to the Grand Lodge library. This notable collection of Masonic literature is open to all visitors between 3.30 and 10.30 p. m. The lodge-rooms, Royal Arch chapters and asylums of Knights Templar on the upper floors, where the subordinate bodies meet, are open to the public and should be inspected. The most striking are the Chapter room, a fac-simile of an Egyptian tomb or temple, and the Commandery room or asylum on the top floor, which



represents the choir of a Gothic cathedral. The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters meets annually there on the first Tuesday of September, it and the Grand Lodge being the only Grand bodies which assemble in this city regularly every year. The German Masons have a building of their own, overlooking Stuyvesant Sq. The high-grade or Scottish Rite Masons, who control the fourth to the thirty-third degrees, are divided into different organizations. The Supreme Grand Council of the Northern Jurisdiction meets at *Scottish Rite Hall*.

**Odd-Fellows.**— There are over 100 lodges of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows in New York City, and the headquarters of these is Odd-Fellows' Hall, at the southeast corner of Grand and Center Sts.

### *Scientific and Learned Societies.*

New York has many societies and clubs devoted to scientific, medical, and other learned investigations. The widest interest attaches to the **New York Historical Society** at the corner of Second Av. and E. 11th St. (See LIBRARIES and ART.) Monthly meetings are held during the cool months.

The object of this society (founded 1804) is to investigate matters of local history and preserve records and relics illustrating it. Besides the library of 70,000 volumes, the building contains the interesting Nineveh marbles, presented by James Lenox, and the Abbot collection of Egyptian antiquities, consisting of some 1,200 objects. "The gallery of art is upon the fourth floor, and, excepting the Metropolitan Museum of Art, comprises, perhaps, the largest permanent collection in America, at the present time, of valuable sculptures, ancient and modern paintings by renowned masters, and authentic portraits of persons distinguished in history. It contains 800 pictures and 59 pieces of sculpture, and is increasing rapidly."

The **American Institute** is an old society, which has attained wide notoriety on account of its annual fair, at Third Av. and 63d St. "These fairs are usually kept open for several weeks in the fall; and, among a vast array of machinery in motion, agricultural implements and manufactured goods, there are always to be seen a sufficient number of curious and beautiful objects." The Farmers Club, of wide fame, is a section of this society.

The **Am. Geographical Society** is a flourishing institution, with interesting rooms and a large library, at No. 11 W. 29th St., which any one may visit during the day. It has a grand collection of maps

and charts, and many interesting mementos of travel and travelers. Its monthly meetings (first Tuesday of each month from May to November) are held in Chickering Hall, when lectures on geographical subjects are given, which are usually illustrated, and always attract large audiences. Free tickets are distributed by members, or mailed to applicants by the permanent secretary.

The **Scientific Alliance** is a federation of several organizations devoted to natural history, which meet in the Museum of Natural History or at Columbia College. Information may be obtained of Dr. N. L. Britton, Columbia College. The component societies are: *Academy of Sciences* (founded in 1817, as the N. Y. Lyceum of Natural History); *Torrey Botanical Club*; *N. Y. Microscopical Society*; *Linnean Society of New York*; *Am. Mathematical Society*; *N. Y. Mineralogical Club*; the New York section of the *American Chemical Society*; *N. Y. Entomological Society*.

All of these meetings are open freely to the public, and a monthly programme is printed and may be obtained at any library or similar place. The annual "Reception" in March is an interesting display of the local scientific work of the preceding year.

The **Academy of Medicine** is a corporation of physicians and students, devoted to the advancement of their professional science and interests, and the promotion of the public health. There are sections devoted to a variety of special diseases and departments of the science, and rooms and a library of 20,000 volumes are open daily to the public at 12 W. 31st St. In the same building are the rooms of the *Medical Journal Association*, which exists to furnish immediate access to all current medical literature in the department of medical journals and monographs, while the *County Medical Society* and several special societies also hold their meetings there.

## XI.

### GREATER NEW YORK.

For many years certain enthusiasts have been advocating the inclusion within the name and municipality of New York City of Brooklyn, Staten Island, and an extensive suburban region northward and eastward. In 1890, a legislative commission, under the presidency of Andrew H. Green, was appointed to inquire into the expediency of the project, and this commission ascertained and communicated to the State Legislature the views of a large number of residents of the city and the outlying districts concerned. The result was a proposition or plan for an enlargement of the city by consolidation with it of the southern part of the towns of Eastchester and Pelham, in Westchester County, carrying the city-line eastward almost to Pelham Manor; this much was accomplished in 1895, and the northern boundary of the city now reaches Yonkers, Mount Vernon, and New Rochelle. The proposition also included all of Kings County, and as much of Queens County, Long Island, as lies west of a line from Great Neck to Rockaway, embracing Long Island City and its suburbs—Flushing, Jamaica, and the shores of Jamaica Bay—and the whole of Richmond County (Staten Island). This would give an area of nearly 320 square miles, and include a population of 3,437,202, making New York the second city of the world.

This agitation led to the submission of the question to the votes of the people concerned, in the autumn of 1894. The result was affirmative, a charter was granted by the State in 1896, and went into effect January 1, 1898. The city now consists, therefore, of five boroughs—*Manhattan* (Island), *The Bronx* (north of the Harlem), *Brooklyn*, *Queens* (external parts of Brooklyn), and *Richmond* (Staten Island).

#### *Brooklyn.*

BROOKLYN, with 1,166,582 inhabitants, according to the census of 1900, has increased her territory, and her population, by annexing,

in 1894, the whole outlying territory of Kings County, taking in the suburban region southward, heretofore called Gravesend, New Utrecht, etc., and including Coney Island, Brighton, and Manhattan beaches. The beneficence of the change was at once apparent. Political misrule and speculative chicanery were replaced by the evenly applied government of the city, and an impetus was given to the growth and improvement of all those suburbs, now connected by a network of electric railways.

A visit to Brooklyn is among the duties, and will prove itself to the pleasure, of any one who wishes to see New York, for it is to all intents and purposes an integral part of the metropolis. There are four general divisions of the city, popularly, though not officially, called The Heights, South Brooklyn, The H'll, and the Eastern District, or Williamsburg. Certain principal features should be attended to by the sight-seer, among which are the following: *The Heights, Prospect Park, Greenwood and other cemeteries, The Navy Yard, Plymouth Church, A Tour of the Elevated Railroads, and the Brooklyn Institute's new Museum at Prospect Park.*

The main thoroughfare of Brooklyn is Fulton St., which has a generally eastward course. Fulton and Catherine ferries, and the East River Bridge, land upon it. Half a mile above the bridge stands the Court House, where the celebrated "Beecher trial" took place; the Hall of Records, next to it; the Municipal Building (containing the departmental offices of the local government), and, prominently in front of all, the City Hall. These buildings are costly and imposing, and in front of them stands Ward's bronze statue of *Henry Ward Beecher*, commemorating him not only as the great preacher, but as the anti-slavery champion and philanthropist.

Near this point are grouped many large business structures, office buildings, banks, theaters, newspapers, etc.; and the principal shops line Fulton St. for half a dozen blocks above, while Washington St., two blocks south, near the extended bridge terminus, contains the costly new Federal Building, containing the Post Office, U. S. Courts, etc., the lofty *Eagle Building*, and the Clarendon Hotel.

The principal theaters are: *Amphion*, Bedford Av., opposite S. Ninth St.; *Academy of Music*, Montague St., near City Hall; *Columbia*, Washington and Tillary Sts.; *Grand Opera House*, Elm Pl., near Fulton St.; *Star*, Jay St., near Fulton; *Montauk*, 587 Fulton St.; *Park*, Fulton, opposite City Hall; *Bijou*, Smith and Livingston Sts.; *Criterion*, Fulton St., near Grand Av.; *Hyde & Behman's*, Adams St., near Myrtle Av.; *Lee Avenue Academy*, Lee near Divi-



sion Av.; *Novelty*, Driggs Av., near S. 4th St., E. D.; *Gayety*, Broadway and Throop St., E. D.; *Empire*, Broadway and S. Sixth St., E. D.

If now the visitor will walk down Montague St. toward the river, he will soon find himself in that part of Brooklyn called

**The Heights.**—Here the land comes to the water in a steep bluff nearly a hundred feet high at the foot of Montague St., where the residences of many of the oldest and most prominent Brooklyn families stand on what is known as Columbia Heights, overlooking from their windows a grand panorama of the harbor, the lower part of East River, and the Battery and Wall St. regions of New York City. Along the base of the bluffs are lines of wharves and spacious warehouses, where ships are moored and foreign commerce comes and goes; and there is only room for a narrow street with only warehouses, mostly bonded, those on the land side being built in excavations under the back gardens of the dwellings on Columbia Heights; but the highland above is covered with stately homes, hotels, churches, clubs, and institutions of learning. The term "The Heights," however, is made to reach back as far as the City Hall, and hence includes the public buildings, the Y. M. C. A., the Academy of Music, and several theaters. Next to the capacious Academy of Music, and communicating with it by large doors, is the ornamental structure of the Art Association, and opposite to it the Brooklyn Library. Closely cognate is the purpose of the Long Island Historical Society, which possesses a large and handsome edifice, with terra cotta and stone trimmings, at the corner of Clinton and Pierrepont Sts., a library of over 80,000 volumes and pamphlets, and a museum of historical and curious objects. Clinton St. was for many years the Fifth Avenue of Brooklyn, and no part of the city is more fashionable than the blocks along Montague, Pierrepont, Remsen, and some other streets leading from Clinton to the river-bluff. There is not the shade and picturesque beauty here, however, which belong to some other districts, that "on the hill," for example. Here on The Heights are the three first-class hotels of Brooklyn, the Mansion House, the Pierrepont House, and the new and lofty St. George Hotel, and here have lately been erected some tall and elegant apartment houses, the principal ones being the Arlington, Berkeley Grosvenor, Montague, Columbia, West End, Roebling, and Margeret, the latter a massive pile of ten stories, overlooking the Bay. Here, too, are the leading clubs—the Brooklyn, Hamilton, Excelsior, and Crescent Athletic Club, just reinforced by the Jefferson, a

new Democratic club — while on "The Hill" the new Republican Union League Club, the Lincoln, and the Montauk have been added, with fine houses, to the older Oxford.

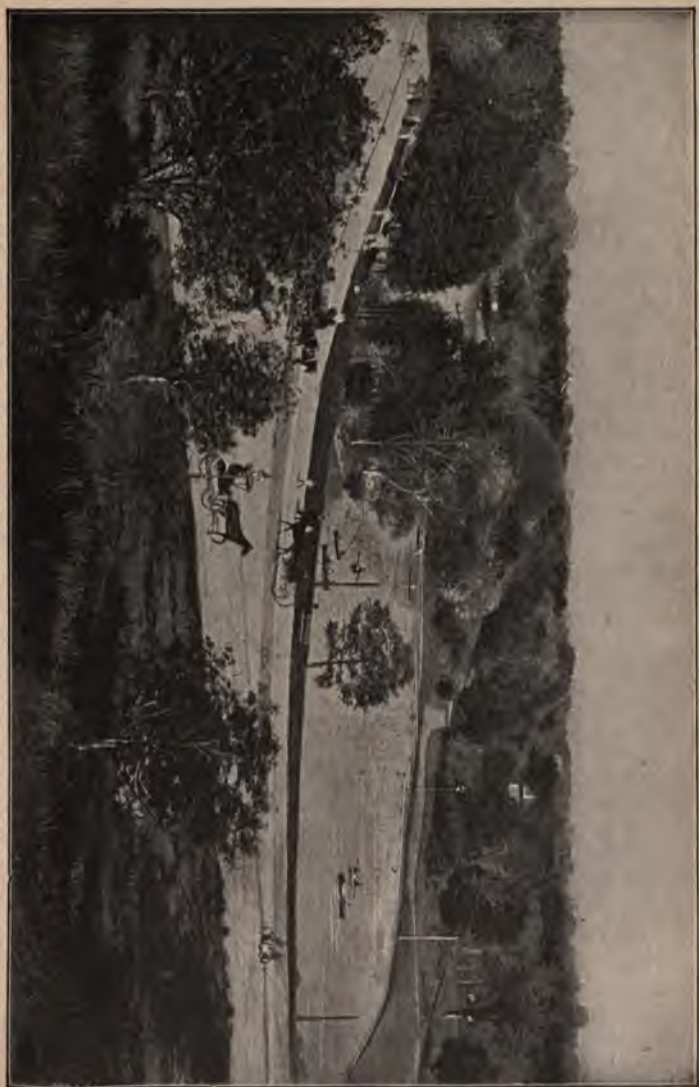
It was the number of very fine houses of worship, not to speak of many smaller ones, in this conspicuous part of town, which gave to Brooklyn the name "City of Churches." Plymouth Church, made famous by Henry Ward Beecher, was until 1899 presided over by Dr. Lyman Abbot; the present pastor is Dr. N. D. Hillis.

Plymouth Church is in Orange St., between Hicks and Henry. It is within easy walking distance of either Fulton Ferry or the Bridge, and "anybody can direct you." The edifice is merely a great brick "barn," and has no ornamentation within inconsistent with its outward simplicity. It was built in 1847, and its pulpit was occupied 40 years by Mr. Beecher, until his death in 1887. Its most prominent members dwell near by, but a large part of the regular congregation gathers from remote quarters of the city, while a throng of strangers from all parts of the country is seen within its doors each Sunday. Mr. Beecher lived and died not far away, at No. 124 Hicks St., corner of Clark.

Another famous Congregational church on The Heights is Dr. Richard S. Storrs's Church of the Pilgrims, at the corner of Henry and Remsen Sts. Next to the Historical Society's building is Holy Trinity, the leading Episcopal church of Brooklyn, under the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. C. H. Hall; while St. Ann's (Dr. Alsop's) is only a block or two distant.

**Prospect Park.**— This noble park, which lies upon the high ground in the rear of the city, overlooking the populous wards of South Brooklyn and the New York harbor on one side, and the Atlantic shore toward Coney Island on the other, is nearly as large as Central Park, and is by many people considered more enjoyable, if not more beautiful. It is reached by the following Trolley lines: From Fulton Ferry or the Bridge entrance, Flatbush Av. line (the most direct); Adams and Boerum Place line, and Franklin Av. line; from Hamilton (south) Ferry, the Hamilton Av. and Prospect Park line; and from Broadway (Williamsburg) Ferry, the Nostrand Av. line. The distance is about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles more or less, from any of the ferries, but the route from Fulton Ferry or the Bridge is the most interesting. None of the elevated railroads go very near the park.

In connection with this park, a series of boulevards, 200 feet wide, has been designed for distant points. One is to cross East River at Blackwell's Island, and connect with the Central Park or the Eastern Boulevard. The picturesque water-tower near the plaza overlooks the whole region.



THE LAKE, PROSPECT PARK, BROOKLYN—This drive is a part of the ordinary route to Coney Island.



**The Park Plaza** is a large paved space at the principal entrance of Prospect Park, where Flatbush Av., the Eastern Boulevard, and several other streets converge. Ornamental stone kiosks, and four great granite pillars, ultimately to support statues, mark the entrance to the drive. The center of the Plaza is marked by a memorial arch to the soldiers and sailors of the Civil War, which was erected in 1892, and is not so good in design as the Washington Arch. It contains some bad half-reliefs upon its interior faces, and is surmounted by a colossal bronze group by Frederick MacMonnies, representing the chariot of victory, led by heralds of peace. It faces the park, and should be seen from that side before being judged of, its rear view, first presented to our approaching from the city, being somewhat ludicrous. The arch is hollow, and stairways open to the public (entrance free) permit one to ascend to the top and get a close view of this work of art, which gains upon nearer acquaintance. It was erected during the summer of 1898. At a little distance is an electric fountain, illuminated during the summer at frequent intervals. Just within the park entrance stands a most excellent portrait-statue, also by MacMonnies, of J. S. Stranahan, who was called, at the time of his death, in 1897, Brooklyn's foremost citizen, and who had been of more service than any other in establishing this and the other parks of the city.

*Prospect Park* is a worthy rival of Central Park in attractiveness. It is wilder, more diversified, and freer to the public, although there are portions of the highest cultivation. It contains, among its ornaments, a statue to John Howard Payne, author of "Home, Sweet Home," and a bronze tablet noting the site (Battle Pass) of a critical part of the Battle of Long Island, which took place on these hills. The drives are exceedingly well arranged and delightful, and the lake is really a large body of water, upon which there are numerous boats; but the great advantage of Prospect Park is, that one may run about on the grass almost everywhere, or wander through the thickets at will. There is a winding lake with boats, a shady ramble, etc. From *Lookout Hill*, a magnificent view is to be gained, reaching from the Atlantic horizon to the Palisades and the Orange Hills; and on certain lawns, especially on Saturday afternoons, hundreds of brightly appareled young people may be seen playing tennis, or croquet, or practicing at archery, or otherwise actively amusing themselves, while thousands of others lounge upon the grassy slopes.



**Museum of the Brooklyn Institute.**—This is the foundation of a museum of natural history and ethnology, which is housed in the building an eighth of a mile east of the Park Plaza, beyond the beautiful water tower. The collections are open free to the public from Wednesday to Saturday, but 25 cents admission fee is charged on Monday and Tuesday. These collections are the property of the Brooklyn Institute, and consist of a large amount of material illustrating all departments of zoölogy, which are displayed in suitable cases, and are well worth seeing. The display of local birds and insects is especially good. A considerable amount of geological, mineralogical, and ethnological material has been gathered and arranged, and the beginning of an art gallery has been made, which already numbers several interesting pictures.

*The Brooklyn Institute* is one of the most prominent social and intellectual influences in the city, being practically a system of university extension work. It originated in 1823, as an apprentices' library movement, with lectures, etc., and in 1843 its scope was enlarged, but not much was done for the public until 1887, when it was reorganized, its membership and scope vastly increased, and it began a career of extensive usefulness. All the scientific and literary societies of the city joined with it, as sections, and others were organized, until now circles and classes for study and social societies exist under its organization in almost every line of work one can think of; and the public meetings and lectures before the sections or before the whole body of members are so numerous that three or four often occur on the same evening. The present building is only the beginning of what is intended to be a vast and magnificent seat of popular learning. The legislature and the city have assisted the institute by large appropriations, and endowments are accumulating, so that additions will rapidly be made, and the plans of McKim, Mead & White will a few years hence be materialized into a building which will be one of the largest and handsomest educational institutions in the metropolis.

**Greenwood Cemetery.**—This famous city of the dead covers a square mile of the highlands that lie back of South Brooklyn and overlook New York Harbor. It is  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the bridge, and is reached most directly by the Fifth Av. line of the Brooklyn El. Ry., which has a station at its principal (the northern) entrance. Carriages will be found at the entrance, which make the tour of the

cemetery, and the driver explains what are generally regarded as the most interesting things as he goes along. The charge for the whole ride is 25 cents. This cemetery was opened in 1842, and about 250,000 burials have been made since that time, including the most distinguished citizens of New York and Brooklyn who have passed away during the last half-century. The control is not vested in a private corporation, but in a board of public trustees, who now have at its disposal, for its maintenance, a fund approaching \$1,000,000. These large resources, and the wealth of many of the families represented upon the rolls of its dead, have permitted a vast expenditure in beautifying both the public and private parts; and there is no burying ground in the country which compares with Greenwood for the cost and elaborateness of its mortuary monuments or the care taken of it as a whole. The stone-bedded, tile-drained roads alone measure 25 miles in length.

The northern is the principal one of the several entrances, and its grand Gothic gateway of brown stone, elaborately carved, holds the offices of the administration and a visitors' room. Waiting rooms will also be found at the other entrances, each of which is furnished with toilet rooms, etc.; and near the center of the cemetery—which covers almost a square mile (474 acres)—is "The Shelter House" (at the intersection of Locust and Southwood Aves.), designed for the shelter of visitors who chance to be remote from the various entrances and need the conveniences which it affords. From Plateau Hill, and from many other points, far-reaching and beautiful views of the harbor, the Jersey shore, and New York and Brooklyn cities may be obtained, and a walk of half a mile from the eastern entrance will take one to Prospect Park.

Among the thousands of mortuary monuments, some are worthy of special note. Among them are:

The monument and bronze bust to Horace Greeley, on Locust Hill, near Oak Av., which was erected by the printers of the country.

The triangular block covering the remains of Prof. S. F. B. Morse, the inventor of the electric telegraph; this stands on Highwood Hill, is surrounded by many costly monuments, and overlooks the Clinton monument.

The Soldiers' Monument, which is tall and costly, but lacks impressiveness; it stands on the plateau of Battle Hill, whence a broad view is to be gained.

The Theater Fire Monument, opposite the main entrance, underneath which, in a common grave, rest the unrecognized and unclaimed

bodies of those who perished in the burning of the Brooklyn Theater, in December, 1876, when over 300 people lost their lives.

The Firemen's Monument, surmounted by the figure of a fireman holding a child in his arms. It was erected by the old volunteer fire department of New York City, whose chief engineer, Harry Howard, has placed elsewhere in the grounds a statue in memory of his foster mother, showing her as adopting him when saved from a burning building.

Many of the monuments take the form of Greek or Gothic memorial chapels, one of the most conspicuous and beautiful of which is that to Miss Mary M. Dauser, a philanthropic woman, at the intersection of Fir and Vine Aves.

Another temple worth special attention is that of A. S. Scribner, at Cypress and Vine Aves., which was made in Italy and contains the figure of Hope.

The monument to commemorate John Matthews, at the south-westerly end of Valley Water, is in the form of a richly carved canopy and spire above a sculptured sarcophagus, upon the top of which lies a full-length marble figure of the dead man. On the tablet under the canopy is a veiled female figure seated in a chair and typifying grief. The artist was Carl Müller, and the cost \$30,000.

The Pilot's Monument, erected by the pilots of New York Harbor to a hero among them; and the "Sea Captain's Statue" (to Capt. John Correja, holding the actual sextant he was accustomed to use) will interest those fond of the sea.

Other fine and costly carvings in Italian marble are seen in the monument to the Brown Brothers, the New York bankers, in the emblematic group standing in the lot of the elder James Gordon Bennett, founder of the New York *Herald*, and in the famous Charlotte Canda monument, at Fern and Greenbough Aves. The colossal bronze statue of Governor De Witt Clinton, in Baywood Dell, should not be missed by the visitor to Greenwood, who will come away feeling that perhaps it is as satisfactory as anything of the more pretentious sort in the whole cemetery.

**The Grant Statue** at Grant Square, where Bergen St. crosses Bedford Av., is worth the attention of tourists. It stands in front of the splendid house of the Union League Club, by which it was presented to the city, and in one of the most interesting neighborhoods on "the Hill." It is the work of Partridge, is of heroic size, in bronze, and represents Gen. Ulysses S. Grant on his favorite horse in campaign dress, as he appeared at the Battle of the Wilderness. Very imposing ceremonies attended its unveiling in April, 1895, and it has given satisfaction to the critics as well as the citizens.

**The Navy Yard.**—Tourists from the interior of the country are sure to be desirous of inspecting the U. S. Navy Yard in Brooklyn. It is on the Wallabout—a basin or indentation from the East River.

where in Revolutionary days was moored the dreadful *Jersey*, worst of the prison hulks. It is at the foot of York St., and may be reached from all parts of Brooklyn by electric cars, two lines crossing the bridge to Manhattan.

This is the foremost naval station in the country, and its brick wall embraces a space of 45 acres in the yard proper, while 100 more acres closely adjacent belong to the establishment. The space within the walls is largely occupied by huge machine-shops, storehouses, and the offices of the superintendents of various branches of the service. The United States Naval Lyceum, founded by officers of the navy in 1833, is here; it has a fine library, and a large collection of historical curiosities, together with valuable geological and mineralogical cabinets. Several trophies of the prowess of the navy in the earlier of the country's wars, in the shape of captured guns and mortars, are displayed in a little park outside near the headquarters office. The "quarters" of the officers of the Yard form an interesting line of old-fashioned residences on high ground along the south side of the premises; and the large, pillared structure seen in the distance, as one looks eastward, is the U. S. Marine Hospital, where 500 patients can be taken care of. One important shop was burned in 1899.

The Navy Yard consists two portions, separated by the deep bay of "the basin," or Wallabout, into which the dry-docks open. The peninsular part outside of the basin is called the *Cob Dock* and forms an extensive park-like space, where musters and drills of sailors, marines, or recruits may be witnessed. The great yellow hulk, housed in, permanently moored on the outer margin of the Cob Dock is the old frigate *Vermont*, forming a "receiving ship," that is a recruiting station, furnishing depot, and home for recruits and sailors while preparing for or awaiting assignment to service. Ships in commission often lie at the wharves of the Cob Dock, to which a small ferry boat runs from the mainland of the Yard, but usually some sort of special permission must be obtained in order to cross in it to the Cob Dock and visit the *Vermont* or other naval ships there. Within the basin often lie many naval ships, transports, torpedo boats, etc., in or out of commission. These are usually accessible to visitors in the afternoon; but visitors are advised to make arrangements beforehand, if possible, with some officer of the Yard or of the ship they wish to inspect. It will smooth the way.





CHURCH AND LIBRARY, SAILOR'S SNUG HARBOR—West New Brighton, Staten Island.

*The Graving or Dry-docks* on the basin front are of the greatest interest. Their dimensions are as follows: No. 1 (wood) length, 362 feet over all, 331 feet on the floor; breadth across top, 66 feet; draught, 25 feet. No. 2 (granite) length over all, 491 feet; on floor, 450 feet; breadth across top, 85 feet, breadth of entrance floor, 52 feet; draught, 25½ feet. No. 3 (granite) length over all, 657 feet; on floor, 564 feet; breadth across top, 70 feet; on entrance floor, 64 feet; draught, 29 feet. (From figures furnished by Captain of the Yard, Dec. 14, 1898, omitting fractions.) The huge steam pumps belonging to these docks can empty them of water in a few hours. In order to handle the vast pieces of plate-armor, machinery, gun-carriages, and guns themselves required to be moved to and from modern ships, the Yard possesses a *floating crane*, which is conspicuous and interesting, as it will lift and swing to any point within its reach a weight of 75 tons; but a new 100-ton crane is now being erected to supplement and exceed the capability of this mighty engine. About 2,000 men are ordinarily employed at this Navy Yard.

### *Staten Island.*

The description already given (see HARBOR) of the shores of Staten Island forestalls the need of any extended remarks here. The ferry from New York lands at St. George, at the northern extremity of the island. This is the terminus of the Baltimore & Ohio's branch line which crosses from Elizabeth, N. J., by a splendid bridge, but thus far is used exclusively as a freight-carrying route, and it is the central station of the Staten Island Rapid Transit Railroad, which reaches all the shore villages of importance.

**Staten Island** is hilly and contains many attractive spots and much excellent farming land. The views of the harbor and harbor-shores gained from its northern highlands are exceedingly fine, while the most charming and artistic river scenery is to be had along Arthur Kill and the sound separating the island from New Jersey. Quaint old ports are scattered along the southern shore, and the odd little villages throughout the interior, as countrified as if they were away in the woods of Cattaraugus. But interspersed everywhere are the modern and luxurious country residences of wealthy New Yorkers, who go back and forth daily. This interior is traversed only by wagon roads, *Richmond*, the judicial seat of the island (when it was Richmond County), being itself away from the railroad, but accessible by trolley cars from St. George.

**Sailor's Snug Harbor.**—The most interesting and notable thing on the north shore of the island is this asylum for aged and infirm sea-

men, half a mile beyond New Brighton. This benefice is the result of a bequest made at the beginning of last century by Capt. Richard Randall, then a prominent member of the Marine Society of New York. This bequest consisted mainly of his farm, whose southern boundary was the line of the present Astor Place, and which yielded to the trustees about \$40,000. This has been so carefully managed that the property of the Harbor now approaches \$18,000,000 in value, and the income suffices to care for 1,000 beneficiaries. Its stately and complete buildings occupy a park and attached farming lands amounting together to 185 acres. About 750 pensioners are at present on the rolls, all of whom have seen a certain amount of actual service as sailormen. The institution is open to visitors at all suitable hours, and is well worth inspection, especially in summer, when the grounds and the water-views they afford are admirable. A mortuary monument covering the bones of the founder stands near the main entrance, and in another part of the park is a bronze statue of Randall, by Augusta St. Gaudens, which is one of the most satisfactory pieces of sculpture in the neighborhood of New York. The visitor should take pains to see, within the buildings, the workshops, where scores of cheerful old mariners sit in the sunshine, smoke their pipes and work at plaiting baskets, mats, and other articles of straw, netting hammocks, fishnets, tidies, etc., and rigging toy models of painfully accurate schooners, brigs, and full-rigged ships. These articles are sold by them, and the more able and industrious make a considerable income in this way. The Sailor's Snug Harbor is as sunny and cheerful a refuge as can be found in the Union.

**Prohibition Park (Westerleigh)** reached by cars from St. George or Port Richmond, is an exclusive community of persons primarily interested in the prohibition of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. The leader of the enterprise is Dr. I. K. Funk, of Funk & Wagnalls. The park is now the home of many men of wealth and cultivation, who are making a beautiful village there. A feature is the great auditorium in which a summer programme of lectures, exhibitions, conventions, and meetings is in progress from June to October, attracting a large number of visitors interested in various "causes."

The **South Side** of the island has stations for Quarantine (Stapleton), Fort Wadsworth (one and a half miles from the railroad), and South Beach, a summer beach-resort (also reached by a steamboat line from the Battery), which is a small imitation of Coney Island,

with various cheap restaurants and amusement places, and plentiful "beer and skittles."

**Midland Beach** is a newer, far more select, and really pleasant place, a mile beyond and reached by an interesting electric-car route.

**Trolley Lines and Ferries.**—Electric car lines have spread greatly here, of late, the rivalry of two companies now making all the northern parts of the island accessible by cars from St. George, which reach southward to Fort Wadsworth, South Beach, Midland Beach, the new shore-resort, and Richmond. Inland, cars run along pleasant country roads, such as the Richmond turnpike. Other lines skirt the northern terrace, and connect by ferry at Port Richmond with Bergen Point and trolley lines to Jersey City. The same lines continue along the north shore to Howland Hook, where a new ferry takes passengers across to Elizabethport, whence they can reach any part of suburban New Jersey by electric cars.

*A ferry* is now run between Tompkinsville and South Brooklyn.



## XII.

### SEASIDE AND SUBURBAN RESORTS.

ONE chapter can hardly contain more than a mere suggestion as to the accessibility and distinctive characteristics of the seashore resorts near New York. These fall into two classes, namely: the coast of Long Island and the coast of New Jersey.

The principal starting place in New York for steamboats to the seaside is at South Ferry (the Battery); and in Brooklyn from the foot of Fulton St. The times of departure and rates of fare are fully advertised daily

#### *Long Island Coast—Coney Island and Rockaway.*

The ocean beaches at the western extremity of Long Island are comprehended under the general designations "Coney Island" and "Rockaway." Important distinctions between the separate parts of each of these seaside resorts exist, however, and should be noted. A very pleasant nearby resort is Bergen Beach on Jamaica Bay, reached by one of the most delightful trolley rides out of Brooklyn; it contains a hotel built in 1652.

**Coney Island** proper, including **West Brighton**, is the westernmost, oldest, most crowded and democratic part of this whole series of beaches. Here "there is a motley crowd of hotels, big and little, concert stands, beer-gardens, variety shows, skating rinks, wooden toboggan-slides, shooting-galleries, bathing-houses, merry-go-rounds, inclined railways, museums, aquariums, brass-bands, pop-corn and hot-sausage venders;" in fact, everything that can be thought of for amusement and penny-catching. Out from the beach extend two long iron piers, with bathing-houses beneath them and restaurants, etc., at the end; and here (and here alone) is where the steamboats from New York land their passengers. The bathing arrangements here are good. West Brighton is thronged with people of every kind from noon till midnight, and most of all on Sundays; but there are certainly more plebeians than patricians.

**Brighton.**—Half a mile east of West Brighton is Brighton, the

favorite beach for Brooklyn people. Here is a huge hotel, which has been repeatedly moved back from the shore, out of the way of the waves; and the beautiful grounds have more than once been ruined by the devastation of gale and salt spray. The piazzas are so broad that 2,000 persons may sit down at once at the tables set in them, and still leave ample space for promenading; and 20,000 meals may be given in a single day. The prices are not excessive, though somewhat in advance of average rates in the city. In front of this hotel is a band-stand, canopied by a huge shell-shaped sounding-board, where an orchestra gives concerts twice a day. The bathing-houses are of great size and conveniently arranged, but none of them obstructs the seaward outlook. An excellent vaudeville theater is the only amusement outside the hotel. Reached by elevated cars from Brooklyn Bridge, and trolley cars from Coney Island.

**Manhattan Beach.**—This resort, next east of Brighton Beach, is the favorite place for New Yorkers of the well-to-do class, and undoubtedly the spot to which the visitor will oftener return. The Manhattan grounds are occupied by the structures and grounds about two vast hotels—the “Manhattan” and the “Oriental.” The former is at the terminus from the railroad to New York and Brooklyn, and at the western end of the beach, nearest Brighton. The beach in front is protected by a piled breakwater which supports a planked walk, and a broad space of asphalted walks, lawns and flower-beds is arranged, with a great number of park benches. Here one may stroll or sit at ease, with the ocean on one hand and the gay bustle of the hotel piazzas on the other. Immediately in front of the hotel is a sort of out-door theater shed, in which Sousa's band, sitting inside a vast concavity which acts as a sounding-board, discourses music afternoons and evenings. A few rods down the beach are the bathing-houses, which contain no less than 2,700 rooms and all possible conveniences. Half a mile eastward, and connected with the Manhattan by a broad walk and series of lawns, is the great *Oriental Hotel*, with its own esplanade and bathing establishment. Steam and trolley cars.

**Rockaway.**—The next beach east of Coney Island, from which it is separated by the outlet of Jamaica Bay, is Rockaway. This is one of the oldest seaside resorts on the Long Island shore, and may be reached either by the Long Island R. R., by Brooklyn trolley cars, or by steamboat. The latter route carries by far the greater number of excursionists. Rockaway has lost the elegance and prestige which belonged to it a quarter of a century ago, before Brighton and Man-

hattan were constructed, and the place is now the resort of those who need or prefer to take their amusement cheaply, and are not too particular as to fashionable tone. The general aspect at all four landings is much like that at the West End of Coney Island.

### *Coast of New Jersey.*

The principal seaside resorts upon the coast of New Jersey are: The Highlands, Seabright, Long Branch, Asbury Park, Ocean Grove, and Sea Girt. These are accessible by railroad, but the pleasanter way is to go by the steamboats of the Central R. R. of New Jersey, from the foot of Cedar St. and foot of 42d St. to Atlantic Highlands, and thence on by rail. This is known as the Sandy Hook route.

**Atlantic Highlands** is a village with several hotels on Sandy Hook. There is much of picturesque and historic interest in the neighborhood.

**Long Branch** was a favorite resort for summer visitors to the seaside (particularly those from Philadelphia) a century ago. "The Long Branch of to-day . . . may be described in one sentence: It is the only resort on the coast which supports a synagogue; the 'tiger' has two superbly appointed jungles; it is 'fashionable' in the sense in which the word is used by those who fondly imagine that lavish display of wealth is evidence of high social position: It may be judged from the foregoing that Long Branch is not a place whither a circumspect parent would take his family for a quiet summer by the sea; but for those who like to be in the whirl of a 'fashionable' watering-place it is without a rival."

But those who would not care to live at Long Branch may find interest enough to tempt them to one or more day's stay there. A line of steamers, supplemented by many irregular excursions, lands its passengers at the Iron Pier, which extends 800 ft. out to deep water, at a height of 20 ft. above the tide. The base of this pier rests upon Ocean Avenue, a part of the "beach drive" which runs from Sandy Hook to Barnegat Bay. Ocean Avenue toward evening is probably the liveliest thoroughfare in the United States. Here one can see almost every kind of vehicle—stages crowded with excursionists, buggies drawn by swift roadsters, tandems, four-in-hands, T-carts, etc., many of them perfectly appointed, and each interesting in its own way, as representing one of the many types of people to be found at this resort.



**Asbury Park.**—This modern and popular resort is really an outgrowth of Ocean Grove. Its summer population is said to now reach 60,000, and it has become a beautiful village, with streets, hard, well drained, and properly sewered; electric street-cars, good sidewalks, banks, newspapers, an opera-house, a library and lecture hall, electric lights, public artesian water, and a plank walk a mile long on the sea-beach, connecting with the esplanade of Ocean Grove, have arisen where twenty years ago was little or nothing.



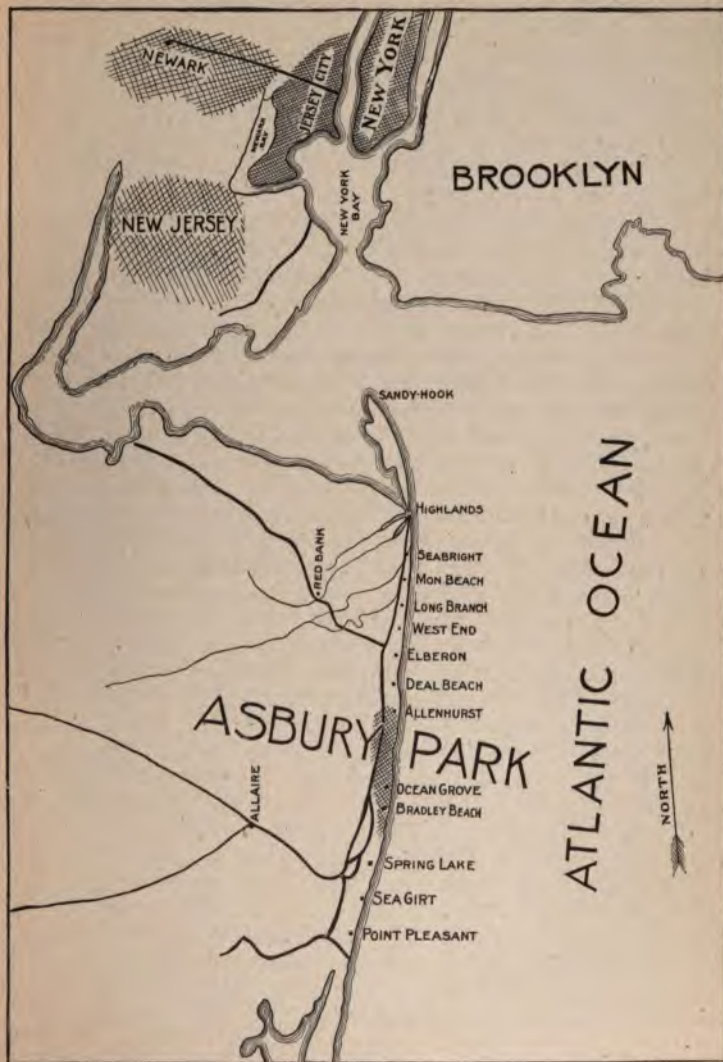
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**Ocean Grove**, a seaside town under the control of an association of Methodist clergymen, which owes its origin (1868) to the need of larger space and better accommodations for the annual summer camp-meetings formerly held at Vineland, N. J. The object in view of its founders was to establish a school and nursery of religious influence, where people would be attracted to remain for rest and out-door recreation. To this end, everything has been done to further the exclusiveness, not only, but the devotional spirit of the place. The streets are named after localities prominent in sacred history or after the fathers of the Methodist Church, and the largest buildings in the place are the Auditorium, the Tabernacle, intended mainly for "holi-



# ASBURY PARK, NEW JERSEY, SEA SHORE RESORT

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ness" meetings, the Young People's Temple, and a topographical model of modern Jerusalem,  $\frac{1}{180}$  of real size. The new Auditorium, built in 1893, is a vast oval hall, spanned by a roof of a single arch, which will seat nearly 10,000 people. It is magnificently lighted by electricity, is dignified in its simplicity, and is one of the largest, and probably the most satisfactory, meeting-hall in the country and perhaps in the world. Its cost, approaching \$100,000, was defrayed wholly by voluntary subscriptions; and there is rarely any charge for admission; but a collection is taken up at nearly every meeting. Innumerable association meetings and religious conventions or special services are held, in addition to the daily stated meetings for preaching, prayer or praise, during the two midsummer months, and the effort at religious revival is incessant. The fanatical outward manifestation which accompanied this spirit, and the ascetic rules of the early days, have been much relaxed of late years; and now one sees little outward difference between Asbury Park and Ocean Grove, except the great number of quaint and pretty canvas cottages which form whole streets in the latter town. The hotels are good, many of the houses costly and elegant, and surrounded by beautiful grounds; the town is well sewered and watered, has gas and electric lights, and the religious intent of the community is no longer made burdensome to a resident who may not care to participate in it as fully as his neighbor. Trolley cars run south as far as Bel Mar.

### *Westchester County.*

The hills and dales of Westchester County, which joins New York County and City on the north, are densely populated, and many pretty towns and villages may be counted. *Yonkers* is on the Hudson, and joins the northern limits of New York. It has 47,931 citizens, a great part of whom come regularly to business in the metropolis. Next eastward, covering the central hills, is *Mt. Vernon*, a scattered town with stations on both the Hudson River and New Haven railroads, and many beautiful drives. Still farther east is historic *Westchester*. *Eastchester* and *Pelham* are hamlets at the head of inlets from Long Island Sound, and are traversed by the Harlem Branch of the New Haven R. R. *New Rochelle*, 17 miles from Grand Central Depot, on the New Haven R. R., is exceedingly pretty and popular with New Yorkers. It was settled in very early times by Huguenots, and preserves many interesting relics of its colonial period. It may be reached by trolley via *Mt. Vernon*.

### *The New Jersey Shore.*

Although in another State, and on the opposite side of the Hudson, the cities fronting upon the western side of the North River are an integral part of the Metropolitan District, since a great number of their inhabitants do business in New York and pass back and forth daily. These are Jersey City, Hoboken, West Hoboken, Guttenberg, and Weehawken.

**Jersey City.**—This great town, which has absorbed several contiguous and once separate municipalities, now has 206,433 population, and stretches from the harbor shore opposite the Liberty Statue to the Hoboken line opposite the foot of Christopher St., New York; and it reaches back to the Hackensack River and Meadows. Its front is low land, a large breadth of which has been reclaimed from the harbor, inclosing the great Communipaw Basin at the outlet of the Morris & Essex Canal, in the rear of the terminus of the Central R. R. of New Jersey. This low frontage, known originally as Paulus Hook (or Point), offered less inducement to the early settlers than other equally accessible districts near New Amsterdam, and was doubly exposed to Indian depredations. It was therefore slow to be settled and cultivated; and the prejudice thus naturally begun has been unnaturally continued in the minds of New Yorkers ever since. This feeling is intensified by the fact that the traveler on any of the railways that pass through Jersey City sees only the forlornest streets; and also by the fact that the town offers no one special attraction to the public gaze. The water-front is for the most part in possession of railway and steamship companies. Behind them are a great number of factories, some of immense proportions—notably large glass works, crucible works, steel works, zinc works, locomotive works, boiler and machine shops, founderies, etc. The lofty piles of the sugar refineries form a conspicuous object near the center of the city, as one crosses from New York. A mile back from the river-front the long rocky ridge of Bergen Heights—a continuation of the Hudson Highlands—extends north and south as an elevated peninsula between New York and Newark Bays, as far as the pretty village of Bergen Point; and furnishes a fine building site for residences, where the windows overlook the panorama of the whole harbor. Upon this hill are many very pleasant streets and some fine churches and schools; but there is little or nothing in the town to interest the casual sight-seer. Electric trolley-cars run to all parts



of the city and to the neighboring cities, including lines to Newark. All these concentrate in a Union Station at the foot of Montgomery St., the landing place for the ferries from Cortlandt and Debosses Sts., New York. The great new station of the Pennsylvania R. R. is at this ferry.

**Hoboken.**—North of Jersey City (Hoboken Av. is the dividing line) lies the very convenient but unlovely city of Hoboken. Its waterfront is made by the wharves of several great transatlantic steamer lines, particularly those sailing to the German ports, and by the station of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railway system, including the Morris & Essex branch, which does such an extensive suburban business throughout "The Oranges." At this station land the "Hoboken" ferries from Barclay and Christopher Sts.; and here start the electric cars of the Elevated Railroad to the hilltop and Hudson County Court House, and of various surface lines. The population of Hoboken (60,000) is very largely German, and is devoted to manufacturing to a considerable extent. It has one distinctly American institution, however, in the *Stevens Institute*, which occupies a wooded promontory of rocks that juts out into the river conspicuously and is covered by a pretty park. This is a polytechnic and scientific school of high rank, founded by the late Commodore Stevens, who equipped the "Stevens Battery," famous in the early part of the Civil War; and whose "castle" overtops the trees of what was formerly his estate.

**Weehawken** is another little city, north of Hoboken and under the hill which here approaches the water more closely than below. It was the scene of Revolutionary operations; and here, a few years later, Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr fought the duel which cost the former his life. Now it is known principally as the terminus of the New York, West Shore & Buffalo and the Ontario & Western railroads, and is connected with 42d St. and Franklin St., New York, and with Brooklyn, by ferries. On the summit of the lofty bluffs is a scattered German community, and very pleasant strolling places along the wooded cliffs northward, which command a magnificent outlook far down the bay. This locality is reached by electric cars from the ferry, whose cars run out to the old Guttenberg race track, and up to Hudson Heights and Fort Lee.

**Fort Lee**, at the foot of the Palisades of the Hudson, and opposite Washington Heights, is a small village upon ground memorable since



Revolutionary times, which for many years has been an excursion and picnic point, but is now of small account. Ferry from West 125th St.

### *Inland Towns of New Jersey.*

**Newark** is the largest city in New Jersey, only 9 miles from the City Hall, New York, and separated from Jersey City only by the salt meadows along the Hackensack River. It lies for the most part along the west bank of the Passaic River, and small steamers and sailing craft ascend to the city's wharves. It has now about 250,000 population, only a small portion of which does business daily in New York, for, notwithstanding its proximity, Newark is self-contained in a greater degree than any other town near the metropolis. The rapid growth of Newark is chiefly owing to its manufactures. These embrace almost every branch of industry, but particularly excel in jewelry buttons and ornamental novelties, iron fabrics, India rubber goods, leather and leathern articles, drugs, clothing, hats, and in the production of malt liquors.

**Elizabeth** is another manufacturing city, a few miles south of Newark, upon the shore of Newark Bay. It is a very old town; many of its streets are shaded by fine old trees, and the residence portion contains charmingly old-fashioned mansions, the homes of wealthy families. Foremost among its factories is the enormous establishment of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, which practically supports the waterside suburb called *Elizabethport*.

**Rahway** is a pretty town of about 8,000 people, five miles southwest of Elizabeth on the Pennsylvania R. R. It is the residence of many men doing business in New York, and is surrounded by orchards and fruit farms. **New Brunswick**, 12 miles beyond, and 32 miles from New York, is an interesting old place at the head of navigation on the Raritan River, where the Delaware and Raritan Canal begins its overland course to Trenton. There are many large factories there, but its chief interest to strangers lies in Rutgers' College—an old seat of learning under the care of the Dutch Reformed Church, which can be seen from the cars of the Pennsylvania R. R. as they cross the lofty bridge spanning the river and canal.

**The Oranges**, and the region generally north and west from Newark, is the best known and most favorite district for suburban residences in the immediate neighborhood of the city. It is reached by the Morris and Essex line of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western R. R., from Hoboken, and the stations are hardly half a mile apart. These are,

in succession, after leaving Newark, *Grove St., East Orange, Brick Church, Orange, Highland Av., Mountain Station, and South Orange*. The last is 14 miles from New York. The whole region, which gradually rises westerly into the Orange Hills, is highly cultivated and thickly set with the homes of New Yorkers.

**The Central Railroad of New Jersey** gives access to one of the most populous and beautiful districts of New Jersey, suburban to the metropolis, which has been compactly described as follows:

"The territory in question includes the vast New Jersey coast, with branches leading from it (the coast line of rail) to the nearby interior towns; the delightful suburban or permanent home section between New York and Somerville; the level stretch down through historic old Monmouth County, the most fertile county in New Jersey; Lakewood, the famous winter resort, and the wilderness of pines that stand like dusky sentinels for miles around it, imparting a most delicious, health-giving odor to the air; delightful South Jersey, with its quaint, long-lived people, its creeks, rivers, and bays, its wild-fowl shooting and its everlasting still-water fishing, crabbing, clamming, and oystering, the rich farming and dairy region along the main line through Somerset, Hunterdon, and Warren counties to Phillipsburg; over the wild, mountainous High Bridge Branch through a section of country abounding in pastoral scenes, with shady woods, streams, and valleys in view at all times, with Budd's Lake, the pride of Morris County, close at hand, and fair Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey's most beautiful sheet of water, nestling in the hills of Morris and Sussex counties, as though dividing the honor with them, all in plain view of trains approaching the station at Nolan's Point; and, lastly, the grand scenic region along the Lehigh River from Easton westward, taking in Bethlehem, Allentown, Catasauqua, Mauch Chunk, Glen Onoko, Wilkesbarre, and terminating at the great manufacturing city of Scranton."

*Newark* is reached by more than **fifty** trains daily, landing passengers in the heart of the city, on Broad Street, near Market Street, by the Central Railroad of New Jersey.

*The Main Line* passes along the shore of New York Bay through a continuous town, *Bayonne* beginning where Jersey City stops. The stations here are less than a mile apart, and the people are served by no less than fifty-six trains each way, daily, to Elizabeth, and forty each way to small way stations. At *Elizabeth*, the station is a handsome structure in the center of this attractive city. Beyond Elizabeth a series of lovely and growing towns succeed one another rapidly, tenanted by residents of the best class, who take great pride in maintaining a high degree of beauty, healthfulness, and social comfort in their villages; no suburban route out of New York shows

more elegant and delightful homes. El Mora and Lorraine are in the edge of Elizabeth, and then, fifteen miles from New York, comes *Roselle*, a park-like village, having an excellent inn, a Casino Club, and no factories; the historic rural community of *Connecticut Farms* is close by. The rising town of *Kenilworth* lies a short distance northwest. The building up here of a new manufacturing community is the enterprise of a powerful association which has acquired an immense and favorable site connected with all the neighboring railways by a belt line. *Cranford*, the next station of importance, is a shady residence town, which has a Country Club and a Golf Club; and is growing rapidly in numbers and in favor. At *Garwood* a flourishing manufacturing town is making progress. *Westfield* is an older village of about 6,000 inhabitants, having many attractions, one of which is the handsome Athletic Club's house, which forms a social headquarters. There is a golf course of excellence at Westfield also. The excellence of the roads throughout this level dry-soiled region, where motoring is an unlimited pleasure, is particularly noticeable in this vicinity, and thence to *Fanwood*, an old-time town on Scotch Plains, which has been made by its wealthy residents into one of the most beautiful "cottage colonies" in New Jersey; *Glenside Park*, upon the hills three miles away, is another growing center of fashionable suburban life. *Netherwood*, the next station, adjoins Fanwood, and, like it, is the home of families of wealth and refinement. Its powerful waterworks supply a wide area of surrounding villages. Only a mile beyond is the city of **Plainfield**, having about 30,000 population, and all the improvements of modern municipal life. Every one who knows Plainfield unites in praise of it as a place of residence; and its surroundings, especially toward the mountainous west, are so beautiful that strangers might well visit it for the sake of a day's excursion. The schools and churches of this town are far-famed, and are the product of the intellectual and refined spirit that has animated the people there since its pre-Revolutionary beginning. Great historical interest, connected with the Revolutionary era, belongs to the whole neighborhood, especially about Scotch Plains, accessible from Plainfield by trolley cars.



**Bound Brook**, a fine old town on the Raritan River, which is the home of many New Yorkers as well as of old local families, is the point where the Central Railroad of New Jersey connects with the Reading Railroad, by which the trains of the Royal Blue Line run between New York and Philadelphia. *Finderne* is a pleasant village just beyond, and then the end of the "Suburban Section" is reached at *Somerville*, a fine old country town much in favor with city people, thirty-six miles from New York. To this point the railroad has four tracks; and no less than thirty passenger trains run back and forth daily, while Plainfield is served by forty-six trains each way.

**The Lehigh Valley Railroad** serves a suburban region in Northern New Jersey of great beauty and historic interest, where lovely villages are building and coming more and more into notice as residences and summer resorts. This road passes between Newark and Elizabeth, where a new park is in preparation on elevated ground. *Saybrook* is a village close by it. *Roselle* is in a lovely and especially healthy region, having unusual public advantages in the way of electric lights, gas, artesian water, schools, etc. *South Cranford*, *Picton*, *Ashbrook*, and *Oak Tree* are other elevated localities beyond, upon picturesque sites among the hills. Plainfield is touched at South Plainfield, and then comes *New Market*, close to the Orange Mountains, and surrounded by a very beautiful and healthful region, beyond which many small hill stations are attracting a constant increase of suburban residents and visitors. *Flemington*, *Clinton*, and other further stations are older towns in the midst of a lovely rural region noted for its peach orchards. This fine railroad then continues westward as a double-tracked line across the Delaware River and Alleghany Mountains to the coal regions of Pennsylvania, and on through Western New York to Niagara Falls, etc.

**The New York, Lake Erie & Western Railway** serves another populous community of suburban cities and villages, which vie with The Oranges in importance as well as in popularity. On the main line, which runs nearly north from Jersey City, are the *Rutherford*s and *Passaic*—the latter a factory town of 27,000 people. On the same river, a few miles higher up, and 17 miles from New York, is

**Paterson**, a city of over 105,000 inhabitants. Its extensive iron and silk works and the repair shops of the Erie Railway give it a thriving appearance. The Passaic Falls, on Passaic River, are a feature of this



place. The river here has a perpendicular fall of 50 feet and a total descent of 72 feet, affording an immense water-power, which has been improved by a dam and canals. The falls and bordering park are accessible by a line of trolley cars from the railroad station.

Northward of Newark, and almost continuous with it, lies the beautiful *Montclair* district, occupying high ground, whose loftiest points overlook the whole Hackensack valley and harbor region. Here dwell a great number of old and wealthy families in estates which time and money together have greatly beautified; and large communities of more humble suburban folk have grown up about them. Still farther out are the various charming villages known as the *Pomptons*, and beyond that *Greenwood Lake*, where the resident population is largely increased by summer residents and visitors.

Along the western base of the Bergen Hills, the **West Shore R. R.** from Weehawken, and several other railways make their way northward, passing through many pretty villages where New Yorkers live, and penetrating, in the rear of the Palisades, a district of extreme natural beauty and full of historical relics and associations. No person should leave out of his scheme of exploration of the neighborhood of New York such places as *Englewood*, *Hackensack*, *Cherry Hill*, *Tappan*, and others, where happened some of the most exciting incidents of the Revolutionary War, and which are still environed in a rural beauty astonishing when one remembers how near they are to the city. A journey up the West Shore Railroad, stopping at Tappan, where so much historical interest is concentrated in a district of great beauty, and then going on to West Point, to return by steamboat, is an excursion particularly recommended to strangers.

It should be added, that throughout all of the region east of the rough hill-country, the smoothest of macadamized roads invite the cyclist. Among the best of these is that which goes north from Hoboken through Englewood, Cresskill, Tappan, and on to Nyack. Other fine roads are the old turnpikes from Newark up the Passaic, out through the Montclairs, westward through The Oranges and over to Morristown, and southward to Elizabeth, Rahway, Plainfield, and farther.

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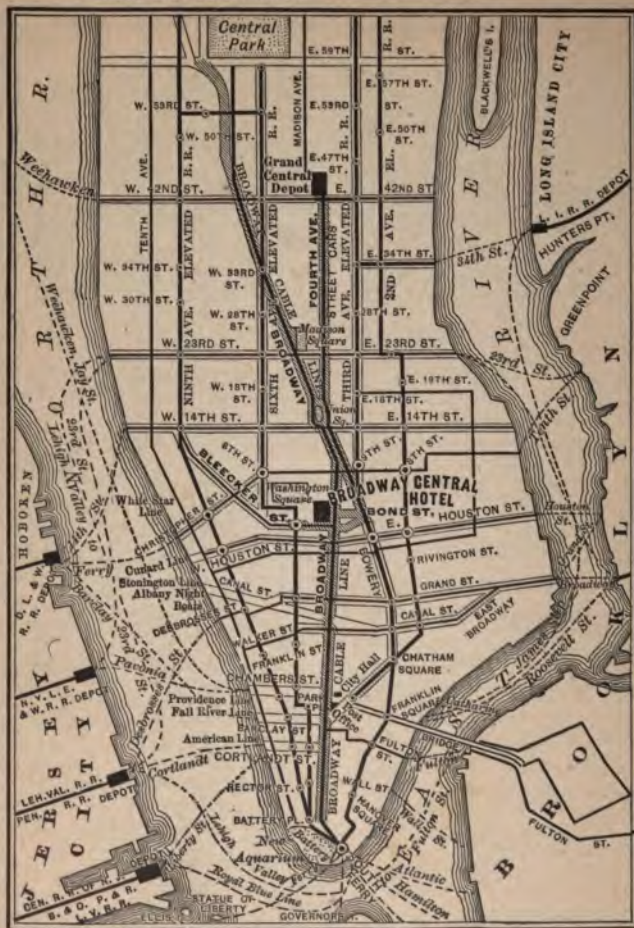
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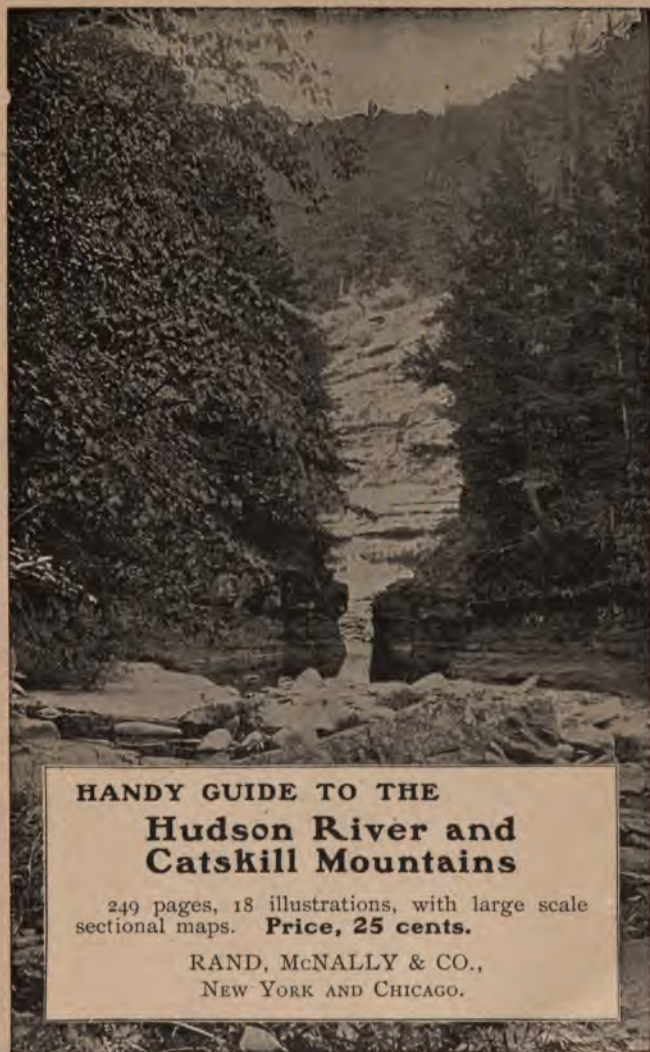
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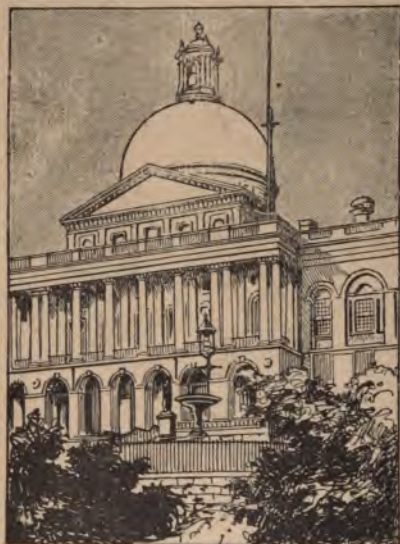
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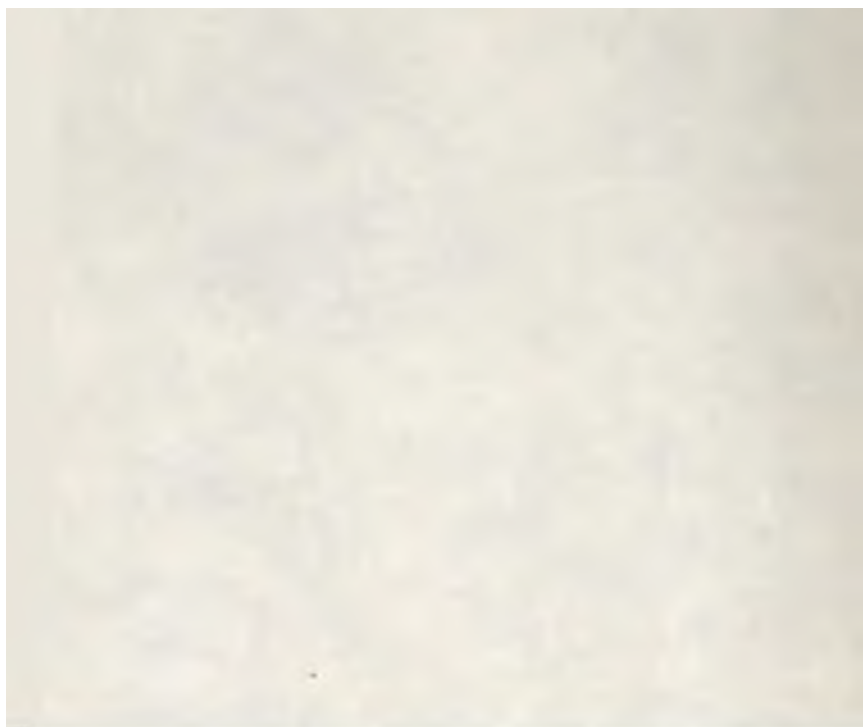
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